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# Quality Assurance Project Plan

for the

### Rad-NESHAP Compliance Team

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## History of revision

This table lists the revision history of this plan.

Revision	Date	Description of Changes
0	12/22/98	New document developed to match group structure
		based on project management; prepared from former
		PARTIC, TRIT, UMS, and AIRDOSE plans.
1	1/21/00	LANSCE quality activities of 53FMM104-01
		integrated into this QAPP to reflect recapture of
		responsibilities formerly delegated to LANSCE staff.
2	10/04/01	Incorporated comments and issues raised during Rad-
		NESHAP compliance audit.
3	6/9/03	Incorporated comments and suggestions from the
		third Rad-NESHAP compliance audit. Implements
		change to program to incorporate revisions to 40 CFR
		61 Subpart H. Changed group and division
		designations following reorganization in 2002.

#### Section 1

#### **Quality Program**

#### **Organization**

#### Introduction

This plan specifies how the Rad-NESHAP Team ensures and demonstrates Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL or the Laboratory) institutional compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H; the Rad-NESHAP Federal Facility Compliance Agreement (FFCA); and DOE Order 414.1A.

#### **Team mission**

The Rad-NESHAP Team ensures and demonstrates institutional compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H and the FFCA by:

- Maintaining the Laboratory's Rad-NESHAP quality assurance program as required by 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114 and ANSI N13.1-1999.
- Identifying point sources that require monitoring
- Tracking operations exhausted by unmonitored point sources to confirm and verify low emissions
- Monitoring the Laboratory's airborne emissions of radioactive materials and assessing their impact on the 10-mrem/yr standard
- Proactively tracking Laboratory emissions to ensure they remain below the 10-mrem/yr standard
- Working with facility management and program personnel to identify and mitigate compliance concerns (e.g., needed sampling equipment)
- Generating an annual compliance report that meets the requirements of 40 CFR 61.94

#### **Policy**

LANL will comply with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H and the terms of the Rad-NESHAP Federal Facility Compliance Agreement. Where appropriate, work processes will incorporate conservatism to prevent the underestimation of emissions and dose. Conservatism will not adversely affect the Laboratory's ability to accomplish its mission.

To ensure appropriate emphasis on sources that have relatively significant emissions, the Rad-NESHAP Team will employ a graded approach to determining emissions of radioactive materials and associated impacts. Specifically, a four-tiered graded approach to emissions and impacts determinations will be employed. This graded approach is described in more detail in 5.1 Planning and Performing Work.

#### Organization, continued

## Regulatory drivers

The drivers for the development and implementation of the Rad-NESHAP Team are:

- 40 CFR 61, Subparts A and H
- 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114 Quality Assurance Requirements
- FFCA for the Radionuclide NESHAP
- DOE Order 414.1A, Quality Assurance requirements for areas not covered under 40 CFR 61.
- ANSI N13.1-1999, which replaces 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, for new and modified point sources (see below).

#### DOE Order 414.1A

Compliance with DOE Order 414.1A is a Department of Energy requirement, rather than a regulatory requirement. Compliance with this order is met by:

- Organization of this Quality Assurance Project Plan; each section of the QAPP addresses one of the 10 criteria listed in DOE O 414.1A.
- The multi-level quality framework of the group; the group quality management plan is the enveloping document, followed by specific project plans listing project requirements, and then detailed procedures describing how work is performed.

#### ANSI N13.1 – 1999

The January 2003 revision to 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, incorporates ANSI N13.1-1999 by reference. This ANSI standard puts forth requirements for sampling an air stream for radioactive material, and for characterizing a sampling location. The standard also describes a quality assurance program, similar in content and structure to that of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114.

Table 5 of the ANSI standard established requirements for maintenance and inspection of point source sampling systems. These requirements were in turn incorporated into Appendix B, Method 114, and are applicable to all stacks. Appendix E of this Plan details how these requirements will be implemented for point sources at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The site characterization, sampling and monitoring, and quality assurance requirements (beyond Table 5) from this ANSI standard are only applicable to newly constructed sources which have an uncontrolled off-site dose of 0.1 millirem or more, or for modifications to existing sources which result in an increase in the uncontrolled dose of 0.1 millirem or more.

For all other sources, the quality assurance program described in 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114 will be used. This applies to existing sources of all Tier categories, new sources which are categorized as Tier III or Tier IV, and modified sources for which the increase in uncontrolled off-site dose is less than 0.1 millirem. See section 5.1 for a description of the Tier system.

#### Organization, continued

## Team organization

See the MAQ QMP for the group organizational structure. The organizational structure of the Rad-NESHAP Team is provided as Appendix A.

MAQ is organized into two general areas: Regulatory and Line Services, and Institutional Monitoring and Surveillance. These areas are further organized into teams. However, all work remains under the line-management direction and responsibility of the group leader. The Rad-NESHAP Compliance Team falls under the Regulatory and Line Services area.

The Rad-NESHAP Team Leader has been tasked by the group leader to establish project goals and to ensure completion of these goals. To accomplish project goals, the Team Leader may utilize resources from within MAQ, Laboratory organizations external to MAQ, and contractor and subcontractor support.

The Team Leader works closely with the Department of Energy's Los Alamos Site Office representative. The DOE/LASO has signature authority for Rad-NESHAP compliance activities, but has designated authority to communicate directly with EPA Region 6 on certain compliance issues. LANL and DOE/LASO stay in constant communication with each other regarding Rad-NESHAP compliance.

#### Structure of the quality program

This Quality Assurance Project Plan, in combination with the AIRNET sampling and analysis plan, is a second-tier document to the MAQ Quality Management Plan (MAQ-QMP). The following documents provide requirements to ensure the project is operated in accordance with the above regulatory drivers:

- MAQ Quality Management Plan
- QA Project Plan for the Rad-NESHAP Compliance Team (this document)
- Sampling and Analysis Plan for the AIRNET system (MAQ-AIRNET)
- Implementing procedures

The Air Quality Review LIR (LIR404-10-01) is maintained by the Air Quality Group. It communicates applicable air quality requirements to other LANL organizations.

### Organization, continued

Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Manage the tasks and staffing of the project in order to deliver the project product(s).
	On an annual basis, prepare written project descriptions, clearly outlining technical scope, personnel, budget, and schedule – with the appropriate product and cost milestones.
	Track project budget, schedule, and progress.
	Recruit or request team members to work for the project.
	Plan, assign, and manage tasks in order to
	<ul> <li>Ensure personnel are properly trained for the task.</li> <li>Ensure personnel follow prescribed work procedures and safety guidance.</li> </ul>
	• Ensure completion of tasks on schedule, within budget, and according to quality specifications.
	• Ensure adequate peer review is performed, using a graded approach, by qualified personnel.
	Communicate with staff and provide guidance, peer review, and technical problem resolution.
	Evaluate the productivity and suitability of staff and recommend changes, as needed, to increase the productivity and skill level of staff.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Accomplish assigned work in a manner that meets quality specifications and meets specified timetables.
	Communicate with Team Leader on progress of work assignments.
	Account for the delivery of all work assignments.
	Bring any identified problems with work assignments to the attention of the Team Leader.

#### Section 2

#### **Personnel Development**

#### **Personnel Training and Qualification**

#### Personnel requirements

Qualified Rad-NESHAP team members will be hired and trained as prescribed in the MAQ QMP.

Personnel are required with knowledge of the following:

- Point source monitoring requirements as stated in 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, and the FFCA
- Unmonitored point source requirements as stated in 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, and the FFCA
- Ambient monitoring technology
- Dose assessment methods from the air pathway
- Radionuclide airborne emissions estimation principles
- Ventilation systems
- Data management principles, including databases, web development. validation and verification, and legal defensibility
- Radiochemical procedures, as described in Method 114 of Appendix B to 40 CFR 61
- ANSI Standards N13.1-1969 and N13.1-1999
- Quality assurance requirements in 40 CFR 61, App. B, Method 114 and ANSI N13.1-1999, Section 7.

#### **Training**

As required by the MAQ QMP, all personnel performing project-related work are required to obtain appropriate training prior to performing work governed by a procedure. The Rad-NESHAP Team Leader will determine training needs. Training to a procedure constitutes authorization to perform the work. Training for MAQ personnel will be performed and documented according to MAQ-024 ("Personnel Training") and MAQ-032 ("Orienting New Employees"). Training of personnel in other groups will be performed and documented according to each group's training procedure.

Contractor analytical laboratories are required to have training and training documentation systems in place that comply with the training requirements of DOE Order 414.1A, Criterion 2.

Support services subcontractor (e.g., KSL) personnel who perform work according to MAO procedures will follow basic requirements of the MAO quality assurance program, and their training will be documented accordingly.

#### Section 3

#### **Quality Improvement**

#### **Improving Quality**

## Performance reports

Personnel assigned to perform Rad-NESHAP Team activities will provide periodic verbal or written updates to the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader. These updates will be used by the Team Leader to determine project focus.

The primary method to communicate progress of the Rad-NESHAP project is via the Rad-NESHAP Performance Report, issued annually or as needed. This performance report will address items such as:

- Audit/assessment activities relating to quality assurance of Rad-NESHAP activities
- Problems or deficiencies identified during assessment activities or during routine performance of work
- Deficiency report trending and analysis.

Additionally, the Team Leader will provide periodic verbal or written updates to the Group Leader. These updates will be used to keep group management apprised of the focus of Rad-NESHAP activities and any project shortcomings. If deemed necessary by the Team Leader and group management, such verbal communication will be documented appropriately.

A final method of communication is MAQ progress reports, issued quarterly or upon request by the MAQ Group Leader. These reports document the work areas and efforts of members of the Rad-NESHAP Team, as well as other projects within MAQ.

## Performance report distribution

The following personnel will receive copies of project performance reports:

- MAQ Group Leader
- MAQ Quality Assurance Officer

Rad-NESHAP Team personnel and other MAQ group members will have access to project performance reports.

### Improving Quality, continued

## Corrective actions within MAQ

Corrective actions for all MAQ projects will be initiated, tracked, corrected, and documented according to the MAQ Quality Management Plan and group procedure MAQ-026, "Deficiency Tracking and Reporting."

## **Deficiency** trending

At least once a year, the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader will review the deficiency reports to look for trends in the occurrence of deficiencies. Trending is intended to determine the existence of systematic design or implementation problems. The trending analysis results will be documented in a memo or report, forwarded to the MAQ Group Leader, and copied to the MAQ records management system.

## **Quality** improvement

Rad-NESHAP activities will adhere to the policy for continuous improvement as given in the MAQ QMP.

The MAQ Group Leader, the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader, and the MAQ Quality Assurance Officer will use performance reports and deficiency trending results to improve project processes.

#### Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Compile annual Rad-NESHAP report and periodic progress reports for distribution to group management and other interested parties.
	Communicate issues to group management as needed.
	Track and review deficiencies and corrective actions within the Rad-NESHAP project.
	Trend deficiencies at least annually or as needed.
	Support continuous quality improvement efforts within the Rad-NESHAP project.
Rad-NESHAP team members	Provide information to the Team Leader as requested to support all reports.
	Initiate deficiency reports as needed, and carry out corrective actions as assigned by the Team Leader.

#### Section 4

#### **Documents and Records**

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#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will maintain sufficient documents and records to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. The type and extent of records to be maintained are specified throughout this plan and its implementing procedures.

## Regulatory requirement

The record-keeping requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H (§61.95) are listed below. For this regulation, LANL is treated as a single facility.

- 1. All facilities must maintain records documenting the source of input parameters including
  - the results of all measurements upon which they are based,
  - the calculations and/or analytical methods used to derive values for input parameters, and
  - the procedure used to determine effective dose equivalent.
- 2. This documentation should be sufficient to allow an independent auditor to verify the accuracy of the determination made concerning the facility's compliance with the standard.
- 3. These records must be kept at the site of the facility for at least five years and, upon request, be made available for inspection by the Administrator, or his authorized representative.

**NOTE**: "Input parameters" refers to the inputs to the EPA-approved dose model, CAP88.

**NOTE**: The use of the word "should" in requirement 2 above is considered intentional. Therefore, this is considered guidance rather than a mandatory requirement.

**NOTE**: MAQ maintains Rad-NESHAP records for LANL. Where space allows, five years of records will be maintained at the MAQ offices. If this is not possible, some of these records may be maintained at a location other than MAQ. Because this alternate location will be on LANL property, it meets the requirement for maintaining records at "the site of the facility."

#### **Documents and Records**, continued

#### **Document** control

This plan is controlled through the MAO document control procedure (MAO-030, "Document Distribution"). The following personnel receive notification when the controlled copy of this plan is updated on the MAQ web site.

- MAQ Group Leader
- Rad-NESHAP Team Leader
- AIRNET Team Leader
- Operating Permit Team Leader
- New Source Review Team Leader
- Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader
- Information Management Team Leader
- MAQ personnel assigned to perform Rad-NESHAP activities
- MAQ Quality Assurance Officer
- Assistant Area Manager, Office of Environment and Projects, DOE Los Alamos Area Office
- EPA Region 6 Rad-NESHAP coordinator

#### **Procedures**

Procedures will be developed as necessary and in accordance with the policy in the MAQ QMP and procedure MAQ-022 ("Preparation, Review and Approval of Procedures").

**Records series** Documentation of Rad-NESHAP Project activities will be maintained as records by the MAO Records Coordinator. These records will be maintained in several series according to type of record and usually arranged by year and subject. These record series are described below. An index of current records storage will be maintained in the records room.

> Team records – Rad-NESHAP Team records document higher-level and broader-scope project management and deliverables which are used to demonstrate compliance with reporting requirements for 40 CFR 61 Subpart H and the Federal Facility Compliance Agreement (FFCA).

Point source evaluation records – Point source evaluation records document airborne radionuclide emissions and doses from LANL point sources that do not require continuous monitoring and from monitored point sources that have been reevaluated.

Monitored stack systems records – Monitored stack systems records document the design and installation of systems for sampling radioactive emissions from exhaust stacks, vents, and ducts.

#### **Documents and Records**, continued

## Records series, continued

<u>Monitored stack sample records</u> – Monitored stack sample records document that monitored stack emissions are sampled according to applicable requirements and that the data derived from the sample systems are developed in a manner which meets applicable quality criteria.

<u>AIRNET sample records</u> – AIRNET sample records document the environmental impact and off-site dose of LANL radioactive particulate and tritium air emissions

<u>Dose assessment records</u> – Dose assessment records document dose calculations that use the emission data from unmonitored and monitored stacks and from AIRNET ambient sampling systems.

## **Disposition** and retention

Active files will be maintained and kept by assigned Rad-NESHAP Team personnel. After files have been finalized and all documentation is complete, these files will be submitted as records to the records coordinator. Records will be archived in compliance with Laboratory and DOE requirements for records retention, storage, and management and procedure MAQ-025, "Records Management."

#### **Electronic Media**

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP project will utilize electronic means as necessary to maintain data and perform calculations on these data. Electronic means are used to supplement rather than replace paper copy, for ease in searching or data analysis. All records used to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, will be kept in hard copy as the official record.

The preferred electronic means for data storage is a Microsoft Access database. However, until database implementation is complete, the use of spreadsheets will be acceptable if the function of such spreadsheets can be demonstrated through appropriate validation and verification methods.

#### **Databases**

<u>Backups</u> -- All databases used to hold data and generate reports to be used to demonstrate compliance will be maintained on the "Databases" drive of the RRES-MAQ file server. These databases are backed up daily to minimize potential losses of data.

<u>Verification of data</u> -- All compliance-related data uploaded into a database will be verified to be accurate against the original paper copy. Data that are uploaded through electronic means will undergo 10% verification. Data that are uploaded through manual means will undergo 100% verification. The 100% review must be performed by someone other than the data entry person. This review will be documented and forwarded to the appropriate record series.

<u>Verification of calculations</u> -- All compliance-related calculations performed in a database through queries will be reviewed for accuracy by a person other than the person who generated the query. This review will be documented and forwarded to the appropriate record series.

<u>Software control</u> -- The integrity of all databases will be ensured by maintaining them on the RRES-MAQ file server. This will enable the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader, through the MAQ database administrator, to control access to these databases to only trained authorized persons. See the MAQ QMP for additional information on software quality assurance.

#### Electronic Media, continued

#### **Spreadsheets**

Backups -- All spreadsheets used to hold data and generate reports to be used to demonstrate compliance will be maintained in a secure location. The preferred location is on the RRES-MAQ file server. Spreadsheets will be backed up at least weekly.

<u>Verification of data</u> -- All compliance-related data uploaded into a spreadsheet will be verified to be accurate against the original paper copy. Data that are uploaded through electronic means will undergo 10% verification. Data that are uploaded through manual means will undergo 100% verification. The 100% review must be performed by someone other than the data entry person. This review will be documented and forwarded to the appropriate record series.

Verification of calculations -- All compliance-related calculations performed in a spreadsheet will be reviewed for accuracy by a person other than the person who generated the spreadsheet. This review will be documented and forwarded to the appropriate record series. Modifications to the function of these spreadsheets will also be verified in this manner.

<u>Software control</u> -- The integrity of spreadsheets will be ensured by limiting access to these spreadsheets to only trained, authorized personnel. Additionally, at least once per year, the function of the spreadsheets will be verified by hand calculations. Documentation of this review will be forwarded to the appropriate record series. If possible, spreadsheet data will be password protected to prevent inadvertent changes after the calculations are finalized. See the MAQ QMP for additional information on software quality assurance.

#### **Other Calculations**

#### **Policy**

While the majority of compliance-related calculations are performed and documented as part of the *Electronic Media* storage process (described above), some calculations may not fall into these categories. In these cases, such as hand calculations done at the request of facility personnel, the verification process must be performed in a manner similar to that described in the chapter Electronic Media above.

All calculation steps and data will be maintained in such a manner that it is easily reproduced at a later date.

#### Storage

If the calculation is performed as part of a compliance-related issue, a copy of the calculation will be transferred to the appropriate records series.

### data

Verification of All compliance-related data and assumptions used in calculations will be reviewed against original source material, by a person other than the original calculation person.

#### calculations and assumptions

Verification of All compliance-related calculations and associated assumptions will be reviewed for accuracy by a person other than the individual performing the original calculation. This review can be documented on the original calculation form or in a separate document, as appropriate.

> In some cases, expertise for verification of calculations or assumptions may reside outside of the Meteorology & Air Quality group. Necessary steps will be taken to ensure that assumptions and calculations are reviewed by a person with the required expertise to provide thorough review.

#### Section 5

#### **Work Processes**

#### 5.1 Planning and Performing Work

#### Purpose of Rad-NESHAP work processes

The Rad-NESHAP Team performs work to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. The work processes described in this Section 5 are used by the Rad-NESHAP Team to meet the quality assurance requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4 Quality Assurance Methods. A cross-reference to the required quality assurance elements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4 Quality Assurance Methods is provided in Appendix B. A similar cross-reference table including ANSI N13.1-1999 requirements will be incorporated into the next revision to this QA plan, or after new stacks come "on-line" at Los Alamos.

The requirement for periodic internal and external audits is addressed in sections 9 and 10 of this document.

#### Requirement

LANL is required to comply with the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H and the terms of the Rad-NESHAP Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (FFCA). Additional legal requirements were identified in the Consent Decree between DOE and CCNS. These Consent Decree requirements were completed following the completion of the third external audit by Risk Assessment Corporation, in which the independent auditor found no significant compliance issues and determined that a fourth audit was not necessary. Other Consent Decree requirements were all completed earlier in 2002.

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will operate in a manner consistent with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H and with the terms of the FFCA. Work that contributes to achieving the quality specifications of Rad-NESHAP Team deliverables will be planned, performed, and documented as stated in this plan and appropriate implementing procedures (see MAQ-QMP, Section 5).

The Rad-NESHAP Team Leader will provide first-line supervision of personnel assigned to project tasks and will ensure work is performed to achieve project quality specifications. Before changing a work process that affects the project quality specifications, the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader will ensure the same level of planning and review as used in the initial project planning steps. Work planning will be consistent with the principles of Integrated Safety Management (ISM) and in compliance with LIR 300-00-01, LIR 300-00-02, and work-planning requirements in MAQ-QMP.

## Graded approach to work

Rad-NESHAP Team work will be performed in a manner that ensures appropriate emphasis on sources that have significant potential or actual emissions to the environment. By implementing a four-tiered graded approach to emissions monitoring and verification activities, this appropriate emphasis will be obtained. This graded approach is described below.

This graded approach was submitted to EPA Region 6 as part of the "Protocol Statement for Implementation of the Revised Rad-NESHAPs at Los Alamos National Laboratory," memo RRES-MAQ:03-060. The Rad-NESHAPs officer from EPA Region 6 accepted this protocol and concurred with the approach. This graded approach meets the requirements of ANSI N13.1-1999 as incorporated into Rad-NESHAPs regulations.

#### Tier I sources

Sources designated Tier I are those sources that have **actual** emissions that contribute greater than 1 millirem per year to any member of the public (as defined in Subpart H), based on the previous rolling 12-month period. Requirements for Tier I sources include:

- Continuous sampling or monitoring of radionuclide emissions is required for all radionuclides contributing 10% or more of the potential off-site dose.
- Real-time monitoring with alarm capability for all types of emissions contributing to the "Tier I" status.
- Consideration will be given to a special accident monitoring system.
- Inspection and maintenance criteria for sample systems: all criteria from Table 5 of the ANSI N13.1-1999 standard, as applicable to the LANL instrumentation and the Tier I category. Applicability is determined from guidance in the ANSI standard. These inspections and maintenance activities are detailed in Appendix E.
- An emissions management plan and source-specific procedures will be in place to address elevated emissions from each facility and identify required approvals and notifications prior to operations.
- All Tier II requirements also apply to Tier I stacks.

#### Tier II Sources

Sources designated Tier II are those sources that have the **potential** to contribute greater than 0.1 millirem per year to any member of the public (as defined in Subpart H), based on the most recent Radioactive Materials Usage Survey. Requirements for Tier II sources include:

- Continuous sampling or monitoring of radionuclide emissions is required for all radionuclides contributing 90% or more of the potential off-site dose. See Sections 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5.
- Inspection and maintenance criteria for sample systems: all criteria from Table 5 of the ANSI N13.1-1999 standard, as applicable to the LANL instrumentation and the Tier II category. Applicability is determined from guidance in the ANSI standard. These inspections and maintenance activities are detailed in Appendix E.
- Analysis of operations for the Radioactive Materials Usage Survey shall meet the record-keeping requirements of Tier IV sources, described below.

#### Tier III Sources

Sources designated Tier III are those sources that have the potential to contribute between 0.001 and 0.1 millirem per year to any member of the public (as defined in Subpart H), based on the most recent Radioactive Materials Usage Survey.

- Potential emissions from Tier III sources will be evaluated annually by analysis of operations, as part of the Radioactive Materials Usage Survey (RMUS).
- For processes and radionuclides which contribute to the Tier III status of the source (over 0.001 millirem per year) or make up over 90% of the potential dose, information used to confirm and verify the level of emissions shall be traceable to a secondary source of documentation (e.g., stack monitoring data, operations logbook, database, etc.). This information will be subject to quality assurance review by a knowledgeable party prior to its use in the RMUS.

**NOTE**: As required in 40CFR61.93(b)(4)(i) and 61.93(e), periodic confirmatory measurements must be made to verify low emissions from non-monitored stacks. The 1995 Memorandum of Understanding between the EPA and DOE concerning Rad-NESHAPs provides for the use of calculations to meet these periodic confirmatory measurement requirements. The Radioactive Materials Usage Survey therefore meets the requirements for periodic confirmatory measurements. The protocol for this program is documented in the FFCA, this and previous revisions to the Rad-NESHAP QAPP, and the memo "Protocol Statement for Implementation of the Revised Rad-NESHAPS at Los Alamos National Laboratory." All of these documents have been provided to the EPA Region 6.

#### Tier IV Sources

Sources designated Tier IV are those sources that have the potential to contribute less than 0.001 millirem per year to any member of the public (as defined in Subpart H), according to the most recent Radioactive Materials Usage Survey.

- Potential emissions from Tier IV sources will be evaluated at least every other year by analysis of operations, as part of the Radioactive Materials Usage Survey (RMUS).
- Information used to confirm and verify the level of emissions may be based on user estimates or other estimation methods that DO NOT need to be traceable to a secondary source of documentation. User estimates of radionuclide usage will reflect actual usage or be conservative upper-bound values.

**NOTE**: As required in 40CFR61.93(b)(4)(i) and 61.93(e), periodic confirmatory measurements must be made to verify low emissions from non-monitored stacks. The 1995 Memorandum of Understanding between the EPA and DOE concerning Rad-NESHAPs provides for the use of calculations to meet these periodic confirmatory measurement requirements. The Radioactive Materials Usage Survey therefore meets the requirements for periodic confirmatory measurements. The protocol for this program is documented in the FFCA, this and previous revisions to the Rad-NESHAP QAPP, and the memo "Protocol Statement for Implementation of the Revised Rad-NESHAPS at Los Alamos National Laboratory." All of these documents have been provided to the EPA Region 6.

## Assigning tier classifications

Appendixes C (List of Unmonitored Point Sources) and D (List of Monitored/Sampled Point Sources) to this plan identify monitored and unmonitored point sources at the Laboratory and assign a Tier classification to each source based on 2001-2002 data.

## Work process description

The work processes included in this section are divided into seven areas:

- **5.2 Point Source Evaluations** -- identifies point sources that require monitoring, and estimates emissions from unmonitored sources.
- **5.3 Monitored Point Sources Tritium --** determines the emissions from monitored point sources.
- 5.4 Monitored Point Sources Radioactive Particles and Vapors -- determines the emissions from monitored point sources.
- 5.5 Monitored Point Sources Short-lived Radioactive Gases -- determines the emissions from monitored point sources.
- **5.6 Non-point Sources** -- determines emissions from sources that do not meet the definition of a point source, primarily through the ambient environmental air-monitoring system (AIRNET).
- **5.7 Dose Assessment** -- describes the activities for calculating the applicable NESHAP dose from the emissions determined in processes 5.2 5.6.
- **5.8 Report Preparation** -- describes how the required NESHAP reports are prepared.

#### 5.2 Point Source Evaluations

#### **Purpose**

The point source evaluations (PSE) work process is used to

- Identify and categorize point sources as Tier I, II, III, or IV
- Identify the type of monitoring required for Tier I and II sources
- Estimate emissions resulting from those point sources that do not require continuous monitoring (Tier III or Tier IV). These emissions are used to calculate unmonitored point source dose that is included in the calculation of the Laboratory's total off-site dose and in its comparison to the 10-mrem/yr standard. See section 5.7.

#### Requirement

As stated in 40 CFR 61.93(b)(4)(i), 61.93(b)(4)(ii), 61.93(e), and 61.93(f), point sources that do **not** have the potential to contribute greater than 0.1 mrem/yr to an off-site receptor are not required to be monitored. However, their low emissions must be confirmed periodically. Point sources that **do** have the potential to contribute greater than 0.1 mrem/yr to any off-site receptor must be continuously monitored.

As stated earlier, the use of engineering calculations (such as the Radioactive Material Usage Survey) to meet periodic confirmatory measurements is approved by the EPA in the 1995 Memorandum of Understanding regarding Rad-NESHAPs.

#### **Policy**

During CY2001 all point sources were evaluated and during CY2002 all Tier III sources were evaluated in accordance with applicable plans and procedures. Using these data, updated Tier classifications have been assigned [see Appendices C (List of Unmonitored Point Sources) and D (List of Monitored/Sampled Point Sources)]. Future evaluations will be based on this most recent classification. When operations and/or emissions warrant, this Tier classification will be modified.

## **Description of sub-processes**

The point source evaluations work process can be divided into six subprocesses that demonstrate how the purpose of the PSE work process is achieved. These six sub-processes are:

- 5.2.1 Point Source Identification
- 5.2.2 Radioactive Materials Usage Survey for Point Sources
- 5.2.3 Estimating Potential Emissions and Dose
- 5.2.4 Categorizing a Point Source Using the Graded Approach
- 5.2.5 Data Management
- 5.2.6 Process Verification and Peer Review

Annual dose calculations for both monitored and unmonitored point sources are described in section 5.7 Dose Assessment.

#### 5.2.1 Point Source Identification

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies and evaluates sources of airborne radioactive material to determine if those sources should be considered point sources, with all associated point source requirements.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Subpart H requires that existing, new, and modified sources be identified and evaluated. [40CFR61.94(b)(4)]

## Definition of a point source

To meet the definition of a point source, the following criteria must be met:

- 1. The release point must be stationary,
- 2. The effluent discharged from the operation or building must be "actively exhausted through a forced ventilation system via a single point" (FFCA), AND
- 3. The operation must have the potential to emit radionuclides "based on the discharge of the effluent stream that would result if all pollution control equipment did not exist, but the facility operations were otherwise normal" (40 CFR 61.93(b)(4)(ii)).

## Evaluation of the ventilation system

To determine if a ventilation system meets the definition of a point source, the following criterion must be addressed:

Is the effluent from the operation actively exhausted through a stationary forced ventilation system?

Examples of this type of ventilation system include:

- Functioning hoods and glove boxes that exhaust to the ambient air or into ducting that is exhausted to the ambient air.
- Buildings/rooms that are ventilated by drawing air out of the building/room by way of a fan through an opening such as a stack or vent.

Examples of ventilation systems which do not meet this criterion include:

- Buildings/rooms that are supplied by standard HVAC, i.e., normal air conditioning and heating and have no designed or engineered exhaust points.
- Buildings/rooms that have no active ventilation, such as storage sheds ventilated by passive louvers or vents.
- Operations which are actively ventilated, but resulting emissions are not ventilated to the ambient air; e.g., facilities in which room air is recirculated, or experiments which are performed in a tent or other containment and the air is exhausted into a building or room which has no point source of emissions.

#### 5.2.1 Point Source Identification, continued

## Evaluation of potential to emit

If a ventilation system has met the criterion for a point source, the following must be addressed for both monitored and unmonitored point sources:

Do the operations, whose effluent is exhausted by the ventilation system, have the potential to emit airborne radioactive materials if pollution control devices did not exist, but operations are otherwise normal?

To meet this criterion, the operation must involve radioactive materials that are

1. *Used in destructive processes and are not sealed.* Examples of destructive processes include activities such as machining, grinding, and dissolving. Alternatively, non-destructive processes include storage, non-destructive assay/analysis (e.g., x-rays, counting, etc.), and non-destructive assembly (e.g., adhering parts together).

#### OR

2. Are readily dispersible. Examples of readily dispersible materials include duct holdup or fine particles, liquids, and gases (including activated air) that have no containment or that have containment but do not remain sealed. Alternatively, materials that are not readily dispersible include solid pieces of material and materials that are contained and remain sealed.

## Modifications of point sources

According to Laboratory Implementation Requirement 404-10-01, "Air Quality Reviews," all changes to ventilation systems and point sources must be communicated to MAQ. Additionally, the ESH-ID process communicates new and modified projects and allows for MAQ review. These reviews are initiated by the New Source Review project. Rad-NESHAP project team members are involved with review, ensuring that modifications to facilities will not affect the sampling system or sampling requirements of a source.

### 5.2.1 Point Source Identification, continued

Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Resolves issues/concerns related to point source identification.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Perform evaluations for point source identification, including evaluations of ventilation systems.
	Inform the Team Leader when a source classification must be changed (e.g., a point source becomes a non-point source, a previously unmonitored point source requires monitoring, or a previously monitored source no longer requires monitoring).
New Source Review Team personnel	Inform Rad-NESHAP Team personnel of changes in ventilation systems or operations that are identified through the LIR Air Quality Reviews (LIR 404-10-01) or through the ESH-ID process.

#### 5.2.2 Radioactive Materials Usage Survey for Point Sources

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team quantifies, in a conservative manner, radioactive material use at monitored and unmonitored point sources to estimate emissions and to assist in determining potential to emit.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61.93(b)(4)(i) requires that all radionuclides with a potential dose greater than 10% of the total potential dose at monitored point sources be measured. Furthermore, periodic confirmatory measurements to verify low emissions at unmonitored point sources are required. The FFCA specifies an inventory (now called a "usage survey") as one possible mechanism for that confirmation. Likewise, the 1995 Memorandum of Understanding between the EPA and the DOE provides for the use of engineering calculations to meet this periodic confirmatory measurement requirement. The protocol used by LANL to meet this requirement is provided to the EPA via this QAPP, as well as in the memo "Protocol Statement for Implementation of the Revised Rad-NESHAPs at Los Alamos National Laboratory."

## Radionuclide point source usage survey

The Radioactive Materials Usage Survey for Point Sources is updated periodically. This survey contains material and process information for those facilities/operations that have been identified as point sources (see subsection 5.2.1 Point Source Identification). The frequency of the usage survey is described on page 32.

#### Radioactive Materials Usage Survey development

To develop the Radioactive Materials Usage Survey, various personnel around the Laboratory provide input, including:

- Rad-NESHAP Team Personnel
- New Source Review Team Personnel
- Facility Managers and their designated points of contact (POC)
- Operations personnel

Radioactive Materials Usage Survey information is collected and/or verified by MAQ according to MAQ-126 ("Performing a Radioactive Materials Usage Survey Interview"). The use of this procedure ensures that the usage information is collected and documented in a thorough and consistent manner. Information collected may include:

- Source location and responsible person
- Source type and estimated or actual usage
- Process information

The amount and type of information to be collected will vary according to the source's Tier classification.

## **5.2.2 Radioactive Materials Usage Survey for Point Sources**, continued

#### Recordkeeping

As discussed in section 5.1, recordkeeping for unmonitored point sources will be maintained according to Tier classification. Specifically, the following guidelines apply:

- If a source is determined to be Tier III, the information presented in the usage survey (primary source of documentation) used to confirm and verify these low emissions will be traceable to a secondary source of documentation (e.g., monitoring data, database, logbook, etc.). Where certain radionuclides or operations contribute the majority (e.g., >90%) of PEDE, all other radionuclides or operations need only meet the Tier IV recordkeeping requirements.
- If a source is determined to be Tier IV, the information presented in the usage survey (primary source of documentation) used to confirm and verify these low emissions may be based on user estimates or other estimation methods that **DO NOT** need to be traceable to a secondary source of documentation (e.g., monitoring data, databases, logbooks, etc.).

In the event that the required level of documentation cannot be obtained, a deficiency report (per MAQ-026) will be generated and a corrective action plan will be developed that, at a minimum:

- Ensures the appropriate level of documentation can be collected in the future.
- Determines whether any shortcomings of documentation could result in failure to meet one of the objectives of this work process.

# Quality assurance & peer review of data provided by facilities

Data entry, calculations, and other activities performed by MAQ will be conducted as described elsewhere in this document and in the implementing procedures.

Data provided by facility personnel that is used to confirm and verify low emissions from Tier III operations will be peer-reviewed or otherwise verified by appropriately qualified facility personnel. MAQ can provide this peer review if qualified (e.g., check calculations, etc.).

The exception to this peer review policy is sources or operations whose Tier III status is solely derived from historical monitoring data, or other calculations that have already been subject to adequate quality assurance review.

This requirement applies only to those operations which make up over 90% of the potential off-site dose from a given facility.

## **5.2.2 Radioactive Materials Usage Survey for Point Sources**, continued

Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approves procedures for collecting information for the Radioactive Materials Usage Survey.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Collect radioactive materials usage information from facility personnel as needed.
	Verify radioactive materials usage information that is provided by facility/operations personnel.
	Ensure recordkeeping requirements are met as described in this section and applicable procedures.
New Source Review Team personnel	Inform Rad-NESHAP Team personnel of changes in ventilation systems or operations that are identified through the LIR for Air Quality Review (LIR 404-10-01) or other identification processes.

#### 5.2.3 Estimating Potential Emissions and Dose

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team ensures that estimates of **potential** emissions and dose identify those point sources that may cause a dose at an off-site receptor greater than 0.1 mrem/yr.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61.93(b)(4)(i) requires that potential emissions and potential dose be determined as a basis for determining monitoring requirements.

## Estimating potential emissions and dose

Radioactive Materials Usage Survey information (discussed in subsection 5.2.2 Radioactive Materials Usage Survey for Point Sources) is used to calculate **potential** emissions from point sources, according to MAQ-102. Some methods that may be used to estimate emissions include:

- Appendix D of 40 CFR 61
- Engineering estimates and judgments, as described in the FFCA
- Historical stack emissions.

These estimates are used as input to CAP88 (or CAP88-PC)\* to develop a dose estimate at the facility MEI. This **potential** dose estimate is used to categorize a point source as Tier II, III, or IV (discussed in subsection 5.2.4 Categorizing a Point Source Using the Graded Approach).

\*NOTE. Rad-NESHAP Team personnel have calculated dose factors, called mrem/Ci factors, for many radionuclides at monitored and unmonitored point sources according to MAQ-511. These values have been verified in accordance with procedure MAQ-501 and may be used in lieu of additional dose assessments using CAP88.

The following table lists specific responsibilities.

#### **Implementation**

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approves potential emissions and dose calculation procedures.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Perform potential emissions and dose calculations according to procedure.
	Inform the Team Leader of any discrepancies or shortcomings identified during the process.
	Inform the Team Leader if the radionuclide species emitted from any monitored point source changes significantly.

## 5.2.4 Categorizing a Point Source Using the Graded Approach

#### **Purpose**

The Rad-NESHAP Team categorizes sources as Tier I, II, III, or IV so that it may employ a graded approach to the determination and evaluation of offsite dose impacts and potential to emit.

#### Requirement

The use of a "graded approach" is not required to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. However, such an approach is recommended in ANSI N13.1-1999, incorporated by reference into the 2003 revision to 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.

## Tier I and II requirement

If the potential uncontrolled dose from a point source (see subsection 5.2.3 Estimating Potential Emissions and Dose) exceeds 0.1 mrem/yr, a sampling system may be required (see MAQ-121).

If the actual emissions from a point source result in an off-site dose in excess of 1.0 millirem, the source is classified as Tier I and continuous, real-time monitoring is required for nuclides contributing over 1 millirem per year of actual emissions. Complete descriptions of requirements are in section 5.1 Planning and Performing Work.

For tritium-emitting stacks, see section 5.3 Monitored Point Sources – Tritium.

For stacks that emit radioactive particles or vapors, see section 5.4 Monitored Point Sources – Radioactive Particles and Vapors.

For stacks that emit short-lived gases, see section 5.5 Monitored Point Sources – Short-lived Radioactive Gases.

#### Tier III

If the potential uncontrolled dose from a point source (see subsection 5.2.3 Estimating Potential Emissions and Dose) does not exceed 0.1 mrem/yr but does exceed 0.001 mrem/yr, annual materials usage surveys must be conducted.

**NOTE**: The use of 0.001 mrem/yr as a lower cutoff for Tier III was chosen by the Team Leader because it was  $1/100^{th}$  the monitoring requirement. This value will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains sufficiently conservative without being overly burdensome. In ESH-17-RN, R0, this level was identified as 0.005 mrem/yr. After further review, it was lowered to 0.001 mrem/yr.

#### Tier IV

If the potential uncontrolled dose from a point source (see subsection 5.2.3 Estimating Potential Emissions and Dose) does not exceed 0.001 mrem/yr, materials usage surveys must be conducted every two years.

## 5.2.4 Categorizing a Point Source Using the Graded Approach, continued

Schedule for Radioactive Materials Usage Surveys The current schedule (as of the effective date of this plan) is listed below. Note that a "comprehensive usage survey" comprises all point sources (Tiers I, II, III, and IV). A "partial usage survey" includes only Tier III sources, new point sources of emissions, and other sources as designated by the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader.

- Comprehensive usage survey was conducted for calendar year 2001.
- Partial usage survey was conducted for calendar year 2002.
- Comprehensive usage survey will be conducted for calendar year 2003.
- Partial usage survey will be conducted for calendar year 2004.

Modifications to this schedule will be made as required or as deemed appropriate by the Team Leader. The schedule prior to 2001 was described in previous revisions to this QAPP.

#### Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Develops and implements a graded approach to sampling that is described in this plan.
	Reviews and approves Tier classification as described in this plan.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Provide the Team Leader with input regarding the Tier classification of point sources.
	Implement Radioactive Materials Usage Survey updates according to procedure and the schedule in this plan.
	Inform the PL of any changes to Tier classification.

#### 5.2.5 Data Management

#### Purpose

All data used for Rad-NESHAP team activities will be maintained in such a way that it will be accurate and defensible.

### Usage survey data

All usage survey data used to calculate emissions and dose will be maintained in a Microsoft Access database for future reference. Excel spreadsheets may be used to perform calculations, verify results, etc., as necessary. All data will be verified and validated by team personnel. Verification and validation will include:

- 100% verification of hand-entered data,
- 10% verification of electronically transferred data, and
- Professional evaluation of all data for usability (see subsection 5.2.6 Process Verification and Peer Review).

Note that in 2001, the calculation steps for the usage survey were moved from Excel to an Access database. This database was successfully beta-tested and has been in operation for the usage survey for 2001 and subsequent years.

#### Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Determine and/or approve data management requirements presented in this plan.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Ensure timely completion of data management requirements in compliance with the requirements of Section 4 Electronic Media and Setion 4 Other Calculations.
	Inform the Team Leader of any problems related to data management which could impact compliance.
Information Management team	Provide database and records management support to ensure that team data is maintained in a protected and defensible manner and that meets the requirements of Section 4 Electronic Media.

#### 5.2.6 Process Verification and Peer Review

#### **Purpose**

Point source evaluation activities and processes will be reviewed and verified by qualified persons to ensure that team requirements are met.

Verification and peer review methods

Through a process of peer review and verification, LANL ensures that point source evaluation activities meet team requirements. These methods are described below for each process. Unless otherwise noted, appropriately qualified Rad-NESHAP Team personnel will perform these activities. All issues raised during peer review will be addressed prior to issuing the completed report.

Process	Method(s)
Point source identification	Visit selected Laboratory areas that are not included in MAQ's Radioactive Materials Usage Survey to verify that these areas are appropriately omitted from the survey.
	Peer review the TA and building list to ensure accurate status of the current release points on the usage survey.
	Peer review selected decisions regarding ventilation systems and/or potential to emit to verify that (non) point source classification is valid.
Point Source Radioactive Materials Usage Survey	Assess the validity of the Radioactive Materials Usage Survey information provided by facility/operational personnel by visiting selected facilities and spot-checking information that is provided.
	For Tier III sources, data provided by facility representatives will be reviewed by a qualified individual.
	Review data entry to ensure accurate reporting.

### 5.2.6 Process Verification and Peer Review, continued

Process	Method(s)
Estimating potential emissions and dose	Peer review selected documentation to verify that calculations are accurate, assumptions are at least conservative, and estimates are valid or at least conservative.
	Review potential emissions and dose calculations to ensure that data entries (into Access database, spreadsheets, etc.) were performed correctly.
	Compare potential emissions from the Radioactive Materials Usage Survey with those derived from historical monitoring data (where appropriate).
Categorizing a point source using the graded approach	Peer review all decisions regarding point source categorization.
	Modifications to graded approach or to frequency as described in this plan requires approval of group leader.
Data management	Follow requirements for data entry and verification.

#### 5.3 Monitored Point Sources - Tritium

#### **Purpose**

The tritium work process is used to:

- Operate and maintain tritium sampling systems for monitored (Tier I or Tier II) point sources.
- Determine emissions from these point sources.
- Determine if a Tier II point source should be categorized as a Tier I point source.

#### Requirement

Any stack with the potential to contribute greater than 0.1 mrem/yr to an offsite receptor must be monitored. An appropriate sampling system must be in place to measure any radionuclide that could contribute greater than 10% of the potential EDE from these stacks.

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will operate and maintain airborne tritium effluent sampling systems in a manner consistent with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H and the FFCA. Where appropriate, conservative calculations and assumptions ensure emissions of tritium are not overestimated.

Any point source that is Tier II (PEDE > 0.1 mrem/yr) for emissions of tritium will be evaluated to determine if it warrants classification as Tier I (See Section 5.1). All point sources currently monitored for tritium in accordance with this work process are identified in Appendix D, along with their Tier classification.

## sub-processes

**Description of** The tritium sampling work process can be divided into eight sub-processes. These sub-processes, described below, combine to ensure that tritium effluent sampling systems are operated and that emissions are determined according to the regulatory requirements.

- 5.3.1 Data Quality Objectives
- 5.3.2 Sample Collection
- 5.3.3 Sample Analysis
- 5.3.4 Sample Tracking
- 5.3.5 Emissions Calculations
- 5.3.6 Responding to Increased Emissions
- 5.3.7 Data Management
- 5.3.8 Process Verification and Peer Review

Annual dose calculations for monitored sources are described in section 5.7 Dose Assessment.

#### 5.3.1 Data Quality Objectives

#### Purpose

Quality assurance for the operation and maintenance of an airborne tritium effluent measurement program requires that objectives for the quality of the measurement data be determined and implemented.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.4 – "The objectives of the quality assurance program shall be documented and shall state the required precision, accuracy and completeness of the emission measurement data including a description of the procedures used to assess these parameters…"

#### **Precision**

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Precision is a measure of the agreement among individual measurements of the same parameters under similar conditions." The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies precision requirements for each of the following measurements made for airborne tritium effluent monitoring:

Stack flow measurement – At least twice per year, a duplicate flow measurement is made at one of the measured stacks. This flow measurement occurs within one week of the original flow measurement. The tolerable difference for these measurements is  $\pm 10\%$ . This duplicate measurement evaluates the precision of the methodology used in procedure MAQ-127.

NOTE: Since all stacks in sections 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5 are measured according to similar methodology (described in MAQ-127), this precision verification need only be performed on one stack to meet this requirement for all stacks.

Sample flow measurement – The bubbler flow rate is governed by an internal mass flow controller that maintains the flow rate at  $\pm 4\%$  of the prescribed flow rate. A flow outside of this range results in an audible and/or visual alarm on the bubbler chassis. Data from samples with atypical flow are handled on a case-by-case basis and is addressed by data completeness of each sampler.

Sample analysis – At least 10% of bubbler samples submitted for analysis are analyzed in duplicate. The acceptable relative percent difference (RPD) on these duplicates is ±5% for samples measuring at least 1 microCi/L in the sample. This 1 microCi/L level corresponds to a maximum dose rate of approximately 5 microrem/year, using very conservative assumptions. See memo ESH-17:98-399. This criterion is evaluated on each set of weekly data and is reported to the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader.

#### 5.3.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

#### Accuracy

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Accuracy is the degree of agreement of a measurement with a true or known value." The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies accuracy requirements for each of the following measurements made for airborne tritium effluent monitoring:

Overall system performance – The accuracy of the tritium collection system is determined in-place by releasing a very small known quantity of tritium into an effluent stream and determining the amount measured exhausting from the stack.

<u>Corrections</u> -- Emissions will be corrected in the case of a low bias that could result in an underestimate of emissions. No corrections will be made for high biases, provided the biases do not impact programmatic or operational needs.

<u>Sample analysis</u> – Two spiked samples are submitted to the analytical Laboratory with the bubbler samples for each period. The acceptable range for results from the spiked samples is within  $\pm 10\%$  of the certified value. Spike results in excess of this range *may* be considered acceptable because they further ensure that emissions are not underestimated.

<u>Effluent flow rate</u> – For calculating emissions (see subsection 5.3.5 Emissions Calculations), the maximum flow rate measured in the past three years is used. Although this method does result in a conservatively high bias, this bias has been determined acceptable and provides further assurance that emissions are not underestimated.

#### Completeness

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Completeness is a measure of the amount of valid data obtained compared to the amount expected under normal conditions." The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies completeness requirements for each of the following measurements made for airborne tritium effluent monitoring:

Sample collection – The requirement for completeness of sample collection is 90% for **each** tritium-emitting stack. This requirement includes all samples lost due to equipment malfunction, personnel error, and sample damage up to the point of delivery to the analytical laboratory. This measure will be evaluated with each data package review.

<u>Sample analysis</u> – The requirement for completeness of sample analysis is 90% for **each** tritium-emitting stack. This requirement includes all samples and data lost after delivery of samples to the analytical laboratory. This measure will be evaluated with each data package review.

### 5.3.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Develop and maintain the requirements and objectives for the measurement of airborne tritium effluents.
	Take action, as necessary, to ensure that the team meets the requirements and objectives.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Evaluate team performance with the requirements and objectives.
	Inform the Team Leader of any problems or potential problems that may impact the team's ability to meet the requirements and objectives.
	Initiate a deficiency report, according to MAQ-026, upon failure to meet any of these DQOs.

#### 5.3.2 Sample Collection

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team samples airborne tritium effluents to determine the amount of tritium released to the ambient air.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.3 -- "The sample collection and analysis procedures used in measuring the emissions shall be described..."

# Identification of sampling sites and probe types

Sampling or monitoring sites are selected in accordance with MAQ-121, "Sampling/Monitoring Radioactive Particulates, Tritium, and Gases from Exhaust Stacks, Vents, and Ducts." Performance of this procedure generates worksheets that document system design, sampling probe type, and sampling probe location parameters. Documentation of successful completion of this procedure can be found in the Monitored Stack Systems Records Series (see section 4).

# Description of sampling probes and representativeness

<u>Sampling probes</u> – Tritium sampling is accomplished using a single point probe, constructed of 3/8 inch outside diameter 304 or 316 stainless steel tubing. Tubing of the same specification is used to transport the sample from the probe to the sample collection system.

Representativeness of samples – Representativeness is obtained by following the guidance of ANSI N13.1-1969. Samples will be obtained to ensure representative, or at least conservatively high, measurements of tritium emissions. See the discussion on accuracy in subsection 5.3.1 Data Quality Objectives.

In-place testing of the sample systems further demonstrates that the sampling systems are representative or at least conservative. In addition, MAQ's EPA approved ambient sampling system provides a second layer of measurement that effectively double-counts all emissions of tritium from the Laboratory, ensuring that offsite impacts are not underestimated.

#### 5.3.2 Sample Collection, continued

## Sample collection system

General description – The Rad-NESHAP Team uses an EG&G Labserco EL-700 tritium collector (bubbler) to measure airborne tritium effluents. The tritium bubbler operates by drawing a sample of the effluent through a set of three vials containing ethylene glycol. Essentially all water vapor (including any tritium oxide, or HTO) in the effluent sample is collected in one of these three vials. The remaining "dry" effluent is then passed through a palladium catalyst at 475°C, where any tritium gas is converted to oxide. This converted gas is then collected in a second set of three vials containing ethylene glycol.

The use of the tritium collector meets the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 2.2.1.

<u>Frequency of collection and sample change-out</u> – The tritium bubbler samples continuously during normal operation. The sample vials are removed approximately each Tuesday and replaced with fresh vials according to MAQ-106. The sample change-out schedule may be modified to accommodate holidays and inclement weather. Facility personnel may also request an early sample removal in the event of an unplanned release or to support facility or operational requirements.

<u>Sensitivity of the sample collection system</u> – The sensitivity of the system is defined by the Rad-NESHAP Team as the minimum emission that the system will be able to detect. This has been determined to be equivalent to a dose of <0.001 mrem/yr to any off-site receptor from the "worst-case" tritium-emitting stack that is monitored under this work process.

<u>Calibration of sample collection system</u> – The tritium bubblers are calibrated in-place every six months per procedure HSR4-RIC-DP-42 ("Calibration of Tritium Bubblers Monitoring Stack Emissions"). The calibration is accomplished by releasing a very small known amount of tritium gas (HT) into the effluent stream and measuring the amount collected.

## Sample flow rate measurements

<u>Sample flow rate</u> – The tritium bubbler samples at 150 actual (at altitude) cc/min. This flow rate is maintained within ±4% by an internal mass flow controller.

Sample flow calibration – The sample flow rate is calibrated according to HSR4-RIC-DP-46 ("Intrinsic Calibration of Tritium Bubblers") prior to deployment to the field. The flow calibration is accomplished by timing a soap bubble as the "bubbler" draws it through a volume of 30 cc in a "flow pipette." The flow rate is verified every six months through the total system calibration.

#### 5.3.2 Sample Collection, continued

## Effluent flow rate measurements

<u>Effluent flow rate measurements</u> – Effluent flow rates are measured using a standard or s-type pitot tube in accordance with MAQ-127 ("Determination of Stack Gas Velocity and Flow Rate in Exhaust Stacks, Ducts, and Vents"). These flow measurements are performed semi-annually and meet the requirements for periodic flow measurements.

<u>Calibration of effluent flow measuring devices</u> – Instruments used to measure stack flow, which require calibration, are calibrated as specified in MAQ-127.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve sample site locations and probe types.
	Approve calibration requirements for systems used in sample collection.
Rad-NESHAP	Design or oversee design of sampling systems.
Team members	Install or oversee installation of sampling systems.
	Collect and transport tritium bubbler sample vials according to procedure.
	Review calibration and measurement procedures to ensure conformance with the regulatory requirements.
HSR-4/RIC	Perform bubbler calibrations according to schedule and procedure.
	Inform the Rad-NESHAP Team of any issues related to the calibration or operation of the tritium bubblers.
	Perform necessary maintenance on bubbler systems to ensure continued satisfactory operation.
KSL	Perform effluent flow rate measurements according to schedule and procedure.
	Inform the Rad-NESHAP Team of any issues related to sample flow measurement.

#### 5.3.3 Sample Analysis

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team analyzes, or contracts for the analysis of, tritium bubbler samples to determine emissions.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.3 -- "The sample collection and analysis procedures used in measuring the emissions shall be described..."

### Analytical methods

The tritium bubbler samples consist of approximately 30 ml of ethylene glycol along with a small amount of tritium oxide and water. These samples are analyzed using liquid scintillation counting. This analytical method meets the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 3.3.2, Method B-5.

### Frequency of analysis

Samples are analyzed following removal from the sample system. This generally corresponds to a sample analysis frequency of weekly.

## Calibration of analytical equipment

Calibration of the liquid scintillation counters is performed every six months according to HSR-4-HPAL-DP-28, "Calibration and Maintenance for Liquid Scintillation Analysis."

Any analytical laboratory chosen to perform these analyses will maintain an equipment calibration program sufficient to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.

### **Detection** limits

The Rad-NESHAP Team has established the detection limits for analysis in terms of a maximum allowable undetected dose. This value is identified as 0.001 mrem/yr from the most restrictive sampled tritium-emitting point source. This level is a factor of 100 below the regulatory requirement. However, because this level can be reached easily with essentially no additional cost, it has been adopted.

The analytical requirements to meet this 0.001-mrem/yr level are equivalent to an analytical MDA of approximately 0.2 microCi/liter of sample, or about ten times higher than typically achieved in the laboratory (see memo ESH-17:98-399).

### 5.3.3 Sample Analysis, continued

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve analytical laboratories that are contracted to analyze tritium effluent samples.
	Approve Statements of Work (SOWs) for analytical laboratories that are contracted to analyze tritium effluent samples.
Analytical Chemistry Coordinator	Prepare SOWs for analytical chemistry laboratories that analyze tritium effluent samples.
	Review analytical data to ensure that they meet the requirements of this QAPP and the applicable SOW.
	Inform the Rad-NESHAP Team of any discrepancies in data that may impact team requirements.
	Ensure that equipment calibration programs in place at the analytical laboratory meet the quality assurance requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.
	Inform Team Leader of any needed changes to analytical processes or suppliers.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Provide support to the analytical chemistry coordinator in identifying and resolving discrepancies with analytical data.
Analytical laboratory	Analyze tritium effluent samples according to the requirements of the SOW.

#### 5.3.4 Sample Tracking

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team collects samples that are used to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. The Rad-NESHAP Project, and any other persons involved in the preparation, retrieval, and analysis, must maintain positive control of samples at all times until their disposal.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.6 -- "A sample tracking system shall be established to provide for positive identification of samples and data through all phases of the sample collection, analysis, and reporting system. Sample handling and preservation procedures shall be established to maintain the integrity of samples during collection, storage and analysis."

# Chain of custody during sample prep and retrieval

Positive control of samples is maintained during sample preparation and retrieval according to the chain of custody requirements of MAQ-106. MAQ sample collection personnel perform this procedure at all sites except TA-55. Due to access restrictions into TA-55 building PF-4 and other requirements, radiological control technicians from the Laboratory's Health Physics Operations group (HSR-1) perform this procedure. All persons performing sample collection will be trained to MAQ-106 and must adhere to its chain of custody requirements.

During an accident or elevated release condition, it is permissible for the operating group to remove the sample for on-site analysis. The amount of sample removed shall be thoroughly documented.

# Chain of custody during analysis

Any analytical laboratory that is contracted to perform sample analysis on tritium bubbler samplers will maintain sufficient procedures to ensure positive control of samples.

# Chain of custody during storage/disposal

Samples are stored at the analytical laboratory in a locked safe until their disposal. Samples are normally disposed of approximately five days after collection. If any discrepancies in the data are identified, samples may be held indefinitely until the resolution of the discrepancies. Disposal of samples is documented in accordance with the requirements of MAO-106.

### 5.3.4 Sample Tracking, continued

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve procedures for sample handling and control during sample prep and retrieval.
Analytical Chemistry	Ensure chain-of-custody requirements are addressed in SOWs.
Coordinator	Ensure analytical laboratories adhere to requirements for chain of custody.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Adhere to requirements for chain of custody as described in MAQ-106.
TA-55/HSR-1 personnel performing sample change outs	Adhere to requirements for chain of custody as described in MAQ-106.
Analytical laboratory	Maintain positive control of samples as required by SOWs and as described in internal procedures.

#### 5.3.5 Emissions Calculations

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team calculates tritium emissions from sampled tritium-emitting point sources to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.

#### Requirement

Emissions must be calculated for use as inputs to the CAP88 computer code. This code is used to demonstrate compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.

### First principles

Emissions are calculated using the basic premise that the amount of tritium collected is related to the amount of tritium emitted from the point source according to the following equation:

$$A_{emitted} = A_{collected} * F_{effluent} / F_{sample}$$

where,

 $A_{emitted}$  is the amount of tritium emitted from the point source in Ci  $A_{collected}$  is the amount of tritium collected in the bubbler in Ci  $F_{effluent}$  is the effluent flow rate (three year historical maximum)  $F_{sample}$  is the sample flow rate (150 cc/min at altitude)

### Correction factors

<u>Line losses</u> – No correction for line losses is required because the sample is a gas.

<u>Collection efficiency</u> – No correction for collection efficiency is required because each series of three vials containing ethylene glycol is essentially 100% efficient.

<u>Catalyst efficiency</u> – The catalyst efficiency is incorporated into the HT emission numbers only. Any measured value for efficiency >100% is truncated to 100%. No correction for catalyst efficiency is required for the HTO emissions because the catalyst does not affect the determination of HTO.

#### **Procedures**

Emissions from tritium-emitting point sources, measured using an EG&G EL-700 tritium collector, are calculated according to MAQ-112 ("Tritium Stack Emission Calculation and Reporting").

### 5.3.5 Emissions Calculations, continued

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve procedures for calculating tritium emissions.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Calculate tritium emissions, through electronic or other means, in accordance with the requirements of MAQ-112.

#### 5.3.6 Responding to Increased Emissions

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies tritium emissions that may result in increased off-site dose.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.2 – "Administrative controls shall be prescribed to ensure prompt response in the event that emission levels increase due to unplanned operations."

## Identifying increased releases

The Rad-NESHAP Team has identified maximum expected release values for each of the tritium-emitting stacks under this work process. These values are compared to the weekly emissions for each value. Should any unexpected high releases occur, the facility representatives are immediately informed. This generally corresponds to a two- to three-day delay between sample collection and notification.

**NOTE**: Real-time monitors used by facilities solely for operational purposes do not fall under the purview of MAQ or this Quality Assurance Project Plan.

## Responding to increased releases

If increased emissions from a facility have the potential to impact the Laboratory's compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard, the responsible facility representatives will be informed within 24 hours of identification by the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader. Notifications will be made to a sufficiently high level of management to ensure that the conditions that result in the release are corrected.

## Classification as Tier I source

In the event that the actual tritium emissions from a point source are determined to cause a member of the public (as defined in Subpart H) to receive greater than 1 mrem in any year, a procedure(s) specific to that source must be developed to address the following:

- Management plan for ensuring that emissions of radioactive materials do not cause an exceedance of the 10 mrem/yr standard.
- Graded approach to emissions management to ensure that increasingly stringent management controls are activated as emissions increase.

See section 5.1 Planning and Performing Work.

### 5.3.6 Responding to Increased Emissions, continued

#### **Procedures**

Responses to increased emissions are performed according to MAQ-118 ("Categorizing and Reporting Increased Airborne Radioactive Emissions from Sampled Stacks").

## Planned emission increases

When a facility is planning for increased emissions from new or significantly modified projects, a facility representative will contact MAQ. Dose assessments from these planned emissions will be documented in special memos or in MAQ's database of ESH-ID reviews.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP	Approve procedures for evaluating increased emissions.
Team Leader	Inform facilities and others of significant increased emissions.
	Develop and implement Tier I procedures as necessary.
	Ensure appropriate analyses are performed prior to authorizing any planned increases in emissions.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Carry out evaluations of and document increased emissions.
	Inform the Team Leader if emissions exceed triggers specified in increased-emission procedures.

#### 5.3.7 Data Management

#### Purpose

All data used for Rad-NESHAP team activities will be maintained in such a way that it will be accurate and defensible.

### Usage survey data

All data obtained from tritium stack monitoring will be maintained in a Microsoft Access database for future reference. Excel spreadsheets may be used to perform calculations, etc., as necessary. All data will be verified and validated by team personnel. Verification and validation will include:

- 100% verification of hand-entered data,
- 10% verification of electronically transferred data, and
- Professional evaluation of all data for usability (see subsection 5.3.8 Process Verification and Peer Review).

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Determine data management requirements.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Ensure timely completion of data management requirements.
	Inform the Team Leader of any problems related to data management which could impact compliance with the regulation.
Information Management team	Provide database and records management support to ensure that Rad-NESHAP data are maintained in a protected and defensible manner and that meets the requirements of section 4 "Electronic Media."

#### 5.3.8 Process Verification and Peer Review

#### **Purpose**

Monitored point source activities related to measuring tritium emissions will be reviewed and verified by qualified persons to ensure that Rad-NESHAP requirements are met.

### peer review methods

Verification and Through a process of peer review and verification, LANL ensures that these activities meet Rad-NESHAP requirements. These methods are described below for each process. Unless otherwise stated, Rad-NESHAP team personnel will perform these activities.

Process	Method(s)
Data Quality Objectives	Verify that the requirements for precision, accuracy, and completeness have been met.
	Identify and resolve issues that may affect meeting these requirements.
Sample collection	Prior to installation, review all sample system locations used to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.
	Review the calibration schedule of the collection systems to ensure the frequency continues to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.
Sample analysis	Verify data are complete, reasonable, and meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H and the respective SOW(s).
Sample tracking	At least once during the year, review chain of custody documentation for sample collection personnel and analytical laboratories. This may be accomplished through routine audits and assessments.
Emissions calculations	Verify selected assumptions, data, and emissions calculations.
	As data are entered or electronically uploaded into the Rad-NESHAP database, review data for accuracy. Review at least 10% of electronically uploaded data and 100% of manually entered data.
Responding to increased emissions	Review maximum expected release (MER) values to ensure that they are appropriately high.
	For Tier I sources, review decisions regarding emission limits, procedures, and action levels.

## 5.4 Monitored Point Sources – Radioactive Particles and Vapors

#### **Purpose**

The particles and vapors work process is used to:

- Operate and maintain particle/vapor sampling systems for monitored (Tier I or Tier II) point sources.
- Determine emissions from these point sources.
- Determine if a Tier II point source should be categorized as a Tier I point source.

#### Requirement

Any stack with the potential to contribute greater than 0.1 mrem/yr to an off-site receptor must be monitored. An appropriate sampling system must be in place to measure any radionuclide that could contribute greater than 10% of the potential EDE from these stacks.

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will operate and maintain airborne particulate and vapor effluent sampling systems in a manner consistent with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, and the FFCA.

Any point source which is Tier II (PEDE > 0.1 mrem/yr) for emissions of radioactive particles or vapors will be evaluated to determine if it warrants classification as Tier I. All point sources currently monitored for particles/vapors in accordance with this work process are identified in Appendix D along with their Tier classification.

## **Description of sub-processes**

The radioactive particle and vapor sampling work process can be divided into eight sub-processes. These sub-processes, described below, combine to provide the mechanism for ensuring that effluent sampling systems are operated and emissions are determined according to the regulatory requirements.

- 5.4.1 Data Quality Objectives
- 5.4.2 Sample Collection
- 5.4.3 Sample Analysis
- 5.4.4 Sample Tracking
- 5.4.5 Emissions Calculations
- 5.4.6 Responding to Increased Emissions
- 5.4.7 Data Management
- 5.4.8 Process Verification and Peer Review

Annual dose calculations are described in section 5.7 Dose Assessment.

#### 5.4.1 Data Quality Objectives

#### Purpose

Quality assurance for the operation and maintenance of a radioactive particulate/vapor effluent measurement program requires that objectives for the quality of the measurement data be determined and implemented.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.4 – "The objectives of the quality assurance program shall be documented and shall state the required precision, accuracy and completeness of the emission measurement data including a description of the procedures used to assess these parameters…"

#### **Precision**

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Precision is a measure of the agreement among individual measurements of the same parameters under similar conditions." The Rad-NESHAP Project identifies precision requirements for each of the following measurements made for airborne particle and vapor effluent monitoring:

Stack flow measurement – At least twice per year, a duplicate flow measurement is made at one of the measured stacks. This flow measurement occurs within one week of the original flow measurement. The tolerable difference for these measurements is ±10%. This duplicate measurement evaluates the precision of the methodology used in procedure MAQ-127. **NOTE:** Since all stacks in sections 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5 are measured according to similar methodology (described in MAQ-127), this precision verification need only be performed on one stack to meet this requirement for all three types of stacks.

<u>Sample flow measurement</u> – At least once per quarter, a duplicate sample flow measurement will be made on one of the sample systems where flow is calibrated according to MAQ-132. This flow measurement will occur within one week of the original flow measurement. The tolerable difference for these measurements is  $\pm 10\%$ .

<u>Sample analysis</u> – At least two duplicate samples will be analyzed each week for gross alpha/beta. The acceptable relative percent difference (RPD) is  $\pm 10\%$  at the 0.001-mrem/yr level. Because most data are far below this value, they will be evaluated qualitatively, using best professional judgment, to ensure acceptable agreement.

#### 5.4.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

#### Accuracy

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Accuracy is the degree of agreement of a measurement with a true or known value." The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies accuracy requirements for each of the following measurements made for airborne effluent monitoring:

Overall system performance – For the purposes of demonstrating compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, accuracy of the systems is qualitatively demonstrated by installing the systems in accordance with the requirements of MAQ-121. Any additional efforts made by the Rad-NESHAP team are beyond those required to demonstrate compliance.

<u>Particle loss correction factor</u> – The particle loss correction factor has been chosen to represent losses of 5 micron particles up to the point of sample collection. Because most stacks have HEPA filtration, this choice will bias sample results high. However, this high bias has been determined acceptable and further ensures that emissions are not underestimated.

Effluent flow rate – For calculating emissions (see subsection 5.4.5 Emissions Calculations), the maximum flow rate measured in the past three years will be used. Although this method results in a high bias, this bias has been determined acceptable and will be used to provide further assurance that emissions are not underestimated. **NOTE**: Because of the historical significance of LANSCE offsite dose impacts, this level of conservatism is not used when calculating PVAP emissions from LANSCE. Instead, the most recent flow measurement (MAQ-132) for the applicable ventilation configuration is used.

<u>Identified radionuclides</u> – To determine emissions of alpha and beta emitting radionuclides, semi-annual composites will be performed on samples. To ensure that essentially all radionuclides contributing significant activity are identified, comparisons will be made between gross alpha results and the sum of the alpha isotopic results. A similar comparison for beta activity will also be made if the dose from these beta emitters exceeds 0.01 mrem. **NOTE**: Because of the short-lived nature of its emissions, the LANSCE samples will not be composited.

<u>Sample analysis</u> – At least one spiked sample is analyzed by the analytical laboratory each period. The acceptable range for the results from the spiked sample are 80% - 130% of the certified value for gross alpha and beta counting, and 90% - 110% of the certified value for gamma spectroscopy. The expanded range for alpha/beta counting allows for uncertainty in spiking methods, plus differences in depth-of-burial corrections between the spiked sample and an actual stack sample.

#### 5.4.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

Note on new stack sampling guidance New stack sampling guidance, ANSI N13.1-1999, was published in January 1999. This standard was incorporated by reference into the 2003 revision of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, for use on new or modified point sources. Use of this 1999 ANSI criteria is also allowed for existing stacks which "could benefit from upgrades" to ANSI N13.1-1999 standards [Federal Register, Vol.67 No. 174].

In the interest of ensuring that LANL's systems are sufficient, we have performed a qualitative analysis of our existing systems to determine if upgrades should be considered (ref: ESH-17:00-005). In general, the results of this analysis demonstrate that particle and vapor emissions contribute very little offsite dose and that our ambient sampling systems double-count all emissions, ensuring that we do not underestimate off-site dose. Therefore, the accuracy of our existing systems is sufficient to ensure compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.

#### Completeness

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Completeness is a measure of the amount of valid data obtained compared to the amount expected under normal conditions." The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies completeness requirements for each of the following measurements made for airborne effluent monitoring:

<u>Sample collection</u> – The requirement for completeness of sample collection will be 85% for **each** particle/vapor-emitting stack. This includes all samples lost due to equipment malfunction, personnel error, and sample damage up to the point of delivery to the analytical laboratory. This measure will be evaluated with each data package review.

<u>Sample analysis</u> – The requirement for completeness of sample analysis will be 90% for **each** particle/vapor-emitting stack. This includes all samples and data lost after delivery of samples to the analytical laboratory. This measure will be evaluated with each data package review.

### 5.4.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Develop and maintain the requirements and objectives for the measurement of airborne particulate effluents.
	Assign personnel to evaluate the team performance with these requirements and objectives.
	Take action, as necessary, to ensure that the team meets the requirements and objectives.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Evaluate team performance with the requirements and objectives.
	Inform the Team Leader of any problems or potential problems that may impact the team's ability to meet the requirements and objectives.

#### 5.4.2 Sample Collection

#### **Purpose**

The Rad-NESHAP Team samples airborne effluents containing radioactive particles and vapors to determine the amount of these materials released to the ambient air.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.3 -- "The sample collection and analysis procedures used in measuring the emissions shall be described..."

Identification of sampling sites and probe types

Sampling or monitoring sites are selected in accordance with MAQ-121, "Sampling/Monitoring Radioactive Particulates, Tritium, and Gases from Exhaust Stacks, Vents, and Ducts." Performance of this procedure generates worksheets that document system design, sampling probe type, and sampling probe location parameters. Documentation of successful completion of this procedure can be found in the monitored stack systems records series (see section 4 Documents and Records).

Description of sampling probes and representativeness

<u>Sampling probes</u> – The Rad-NESHAP Team uses one of two types of sample extraction devices to collect radioactive particles and vapors: the shrouded probe and a multi-point rake. The shrouded probe is a single-point sampling device that has been designed to improve particle collection and transmission efficiency. Where possible, these types of probes are installed in LANL stacks. In other cases, where the requirements for installing a shrouded probe cannot be met, LANL has installed an ANSI-type multi-point rake. These rakes allow for sampling where good particle mixing cannot be achieved due to ventilation configurations. New operations and new buildings will be designed so that shrouded probe sampling can be performed.

Representativeness of samples – Samples will be obtained to ensure representative or at least conservatively high estimates of particulate emissions. To ensure that samples are representative or at least conservative, losses will be estimated for 5 micron particles. This will introduce a high bias; however, this is considered acceptable (see discussion on accuracy in subsection 5.4.1 Data Quality Objectives). Further, low measured ambient air concentrations confirm that these measurement systems are sufficient to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, and this "double-counting" ensures that offsite dose impacts are not underestimated.

#### 5.4.2 Sample Collection, continued

## Sample collection system

General description – As described previously, LANL uses two types of sample extraction devices for radioactive particles and vapors: the shrouded probe and the multi-point rake. The sample train is generally the same for both types. Sample line lengths will be minimized to ensure maximum particle transmission. A glass-fiber filter will be used to collect particles and a charcoal cartridge will be used to collect vapors.

Frequency of collection and sample change-out – The radioactive particle and vapor collection systems sample continuously during normal operation. The charcoal and/or paper filters are generally removed each Thursday (Tuesday at LANSCE) and replaced with fresh media according to MAQ-109 (MAQ-601 at LANSCE). The sample change-out schedule may be modified to accommodate holidays and inclement weather. Facility personnel may also request an early sample removal in the event of an unplanned release or other operational or programmatic need.

<u>Verification of sample collection system transmission efficiency</u> – To date, sampling system transmission efficiency has not been verified at all stacks. As time, funding, and system configurations permit, LANL will attempt to perform challenge tests to determine the transmission efficiency for the sample trains for particles. Until (and unless) challenge testing is completed, LANL will use approximations based on modeling and "as-designed" parameters to determine the efficiency of the sample systems. In the event that efficiency measurements are not possible (e.g., due to physical configuration or insufficient funding), the current method of correcting for particle losses will be used.

Sensitivity of the sample collection system – The sensitivity of the system is defined by the Rad-NESHAP Team as the minimum emission that the system will be able to detect. This has been determined to be equivalent to a dose of <0.001 mrem/yr to any off-site receptor from the "worst-case" particle-emitting stack that is monitored under this work process. For vapors, the level is set at <0.01 mrem/yr. This additional order of magnitude is necessary because of short half-lives and because gamma spectroscopy measurements are not as sensitive as the radiochemical analyses performed for the particle stacks.

#### **5.4.2 Sample Collection**, continued

## Sample flow rate measurements

<u>Sample flow rate</u> – Sample flow will be measured in the field using a rotometer that has been set using a calibrated RADECO® Air Flow Calibrator as specified in MAQ-132, "Stack Sampling Pump Maintenance."

Sample flow calibration – Sample flow at all stacks except LANSCE will be verified approximately quarterly using a calibrated RADECO® Air Flow Calibrator as specified in MAQ-132. At LANSCE, flows are measured using calibrated Magnehelic® gauges across a calibrated orifice as specified in MAQ-615 ("Pre-Operational Requirements of Air Emissions Equipment").

## Effluent flow rate measurements

<u>Effluent flow rate measurements</u> – Effluent flow rates will be measured using a standard or s-type pitot tube in accordance with MAQ-127, "Determination of Stack Gas Velocity and Flow Rate in Exhaust Stacks, Ducts, and Vents." These flow measurements will be performed semi-annually and meet the requirements for periodic flow measurements.

<u>Calibration of effluent flow measuring devices</u> – Instruments used to measure stack flow, which require calibration, will be calibrated as specified in MAQ-127.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve sample site locations and probe types.
	Approve calibration requirements for systems used in sample collection.
Rad-NESHAP	Design or oversee design of sampling systems.
Team personnel	Install or oversee installation of sampling systems.
	Collect and transport particle/vapor samples according to procedure.
	Review calibration and measurement procedures to ensure conformance with the regulatory requirements.
KSL personnel	Perform effluent flow rate measurements according to schedule and procedure.
	Perform sample flow calibrations according to schedule and procedure.

#### 5.4.3 Sample Analysis

#### **Purpose**

The Rad-NESHAP Team analyzes or contracts for the analysis of radioactive particle/vapor samples to determine emissions.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.3 -- "The sample collection and analysis procedures used in measuring the emissions shall be described..."

## Analytical methods – filter counting

To ensure prompt response to increased releases and to ensure that short-lived radionuclides are measured, LANL will perform some analyses on samples prior to dissolving the samples. These analyses are described below.

<u>Gross alpha/beta – screening count</u> – Gross alpha/beta analysis will be performed on the glass fiber filter samples. These analyses will be performed to identify increased releases of radioactive materials. These analyses are considered screening counts only and will not be used to determine source terms reported in the annual compliance report. **NOTE**: Because of the type of radionuclides emitted from LANSCE (i.e., short-lived gamma emitters), gross alpha/beta counting is not performed.

Gamma spectroscopy – Gamma spectroscopy will be performed on the glass fiber filter samples and charcoal cartridges. These analyses will be used to determine the presence of short and long-lived gamma-emitting radionuclides. These results will be used to determine source terms for these radionuclides and meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114 (G-1).

# Analytical methods – composite samples

Glass fiber filter samples from individual stacks are composited periodically throughout the year. These composite samples will be analyzed for the presence of various radionuclides as described below. A contract laboratory will perform these analyses according to procedures that meet the requirements of Appendix B, Method 114. Because of short-lived nature of radionuclides, LANSCE samples are not composited.

<u>Gross alpha/beta</u> – Gross alpha/beta analyses will be performed on the composited samples to allow a quality assurance check to be performed. This quality assurance check will involve comparing the total activity of gross alpha/beta to the results of the total isotopics. In this manner, LANL ensures that all significant contributors to dose have been included (see discussion on accuracy in subsection 5.4.1 Data Quality Objectives).

#### 5.4.3 Sample Analysis, continued

Analytical methods – composite samples, continued

<u>Alpha isotopic analyses</u> – Requested analyses may include U-234/235/238, Pu-238/239/240, Am-241, Th-228/230/232, and Po-210. These analyses will be performed by dissolving the composite samples and separating the individual materials of interest. These analyses will meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114 (A-1).

**NOTE**: Po-210, a short-lived alpha-emitting progeny of Rn-222, is not regulated under 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. This analysis is typically requested to account for additional alpha activity that may be present in the sample. It will generally not be included in the source term modeled with CAP88 for comparison to the 10-mrem/yr standard.

Beta isotopic analyses – Requested analyses may include Sr-90 and Pb-210. These analyses will be performed by dissolving the composite samples and separating the individual materials of interest. These analyses meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114 (B-3).

**NOTE**: Pb-210 (and Bi-210), a short-lived beta-emitting progeny of Rn-222, is not regulated under 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. This analysis is typically requested to account for additional beta activity that may be present in the sample. It will generally not be included in the source term modeled with CAP88 for comparison to the 10-mrem/yr standard.

<u>Gamma spectroscopy</u> – Gamma spectroscopy may be performed where process knowledge or other information indicates that it is necessary. In general, however, the individual filter counting will be used to identify gamma-emitting radionuclides. When performed, these analyses will meet the requirements for 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114 (G-1).

#### 5.4.3 Sample Analysis, continued

## Frequency of analysis – filter counting

Gross alpha/beta – Generally, samples will be removed on Thursdays and counted on the following Monday for the initial screening count. This delay is to allow short-lived Radon daughters to decay. A final count will be performed approximately one week after the samples are collected. This value will be maintained as the officially reportable number. If necessary, a sample may be counted immediately following removal from the sampler to detect an increased release. The results of such an analysis will be used only for an approximation. As with routine samples, the official result will be determined approximately one week after removal from the sampler.

<u>Gamma spectroscopy</u> – Charcoal cartridges: These samples will be counted weekly, within 3-4 days (1-2) days for LANSCE of removal from the sample system. Glass-fiber filters: These samples will be counted weekly, within one week of removal from the sample system.

# Frequency of analysis – composite samples

Samples will be composited approximately every six months. These samples are sent to an off-site laboratory. The results of the analyses will be available within 45 days of sample submittal.

## Calibration of analytical equipment

Analytical equipment will be maintained and calibrated by the analytical laboratory. The frequency of these activities and the supporting documentation will be maintained by the analytical laboratory sufficient to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61.95 and Appendix B, Method 114 QA requirements.

## Detection limits – filter counting

<u>Gross alpha/beta</u> – The minimum detectable alpha and beta activities are currently set at 3 and 5 pCi/filter, respectively. These MDAs are readily attainable and well below 0.01 mrem/yr equivalent emission rate.

Gamma spectroscopy – MDAs for common gamma-emitting radionuclides have been developed. These MDAs are set at 0.01 mrem/yr from the worst-case stack (see memo HS-DO/RAEM:93-99).

**NOTE**: Because of the significance of LANSCE filters and cartridges, MDAs specific to this facility have been developed (ref: ESH-17:99-414).

### 5.4.3 Sample Analysis, continued

Detection limits — composite samples

<u>Isotopic analyses</u> – MDAs for isotopic analyses were set to be well below 0.001 mrem/yr equivalent emission rate (see memo ESH-17:95-158). The MDAs for these analyses are set at 1 pCi per composite for alpha-emitting radionuclides and at 0.1 pCi for beta-emitting radionuclides.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve analytical laboratories that are contracted to analyze charcoal cartridges and glass-fiber filter effluent samples.
	Approve Statements of Work (SOWs) for analytical laboratories that are contracted to analyze charcoal cartridges and glass-fiber filter effluent samples.
	Ensure the suite of radionuclides analyzed is appropriate for the radionuclide usage at each facility.
Analytical Chemistry Coordinator	Prepare Statements of Work (SOWs) for analytical chemistry laboratories that analyze charcoal cartridges and glass-fiber filter effluent samples.
	Review analytical data to ensure that they meet the requirements of this QAPP and the applicable SOW.
	Inform the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader of any discrepancies in data that may impact requirements.
	Perform annual audits of analytical laboratories to ensure requirements of 40 CFR 61.95 and Method 114 QA requirements are met.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Provide support to the analytical chemistry coordinator in identifying and resolving discrepancies with analytical data.
Analytical laboratories	Analyze particle and vapor samples according to the requirements of the SOW.

#### 5.4.4 Sample Tracking

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team collects samples that are used to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. The Rad-NESHAP Team, and any other personnel involved in the preparation, retrieval, and analysis, must maintain positive control of samples at all times until sample disposal.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.6 -- "A sample tracking system shall be established to provide for positive identification of samples and data through all phases of the sample collection, analysis, and reporting system. Sample handling and preservation procedures shall be established to maintain the integrity of samples during collection, storage, and analysis."

#### Chain of custody during sample prep and retrieval

Positive control of samples will be maintained during sample preparation and retrieval according to the chain of custody requirements of MAQ-109 ("Collecting Stack Particulate Filter and Charcoal Cartridge Samples") and MAQ-601 ("Collecting and Processing Stack Air Particulate and Vapor Samples from TA-53"). MAQ sample collection personnel perform these procedures at all sites except TA-55.

Due to access restrictions into TA-55 building PF-4 and the associated OSR requirements, HSR-1 RCTs perform this procedure. All persons performing sample collection will be trained to MAQ-109 (or MAQ-601, as appropriate) and must adhere to the chain-of-custody requirements therein.

# Chain of custody during analysis

Any analytical laboratory that is contracted to perform sample analysis on charcoal and/or paper filter samples will maintain sufficient procedures to ensure positive control of samples.

### 5.4.4 Sample Tracking, continued

Chain of custody during storage/disposal

Filters counted at HSR-4's Health Physics Analytical Laboratory (HPAL) will be returned to the custody of MAQ and stored in a locked cabinet until they are ready to be composited for additional analysis. Since only half of each filter is used in the composite, the remaining halves will be archived in a locked cabinet under MAQ control. Procedure MAQ-124 ("Compositing Stack Sample Filters") provides the full details of this process.

Charcoal cartridges will be held until the analytical data are approved by the analytical chemistry coordinator. At that time, they may be disposed.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve procedures for sample handling and control during sample prep and retrieval.
Analytical Chemistry Coordinator	Ensure chain-of-custody requirements are addressed in SOWs.  Ensure analytical laboratories adhere to requirements for chain of custody.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Adhere to requirements for chain of custody as described in MAQ-109 and MAQ-601, as appropriate.
TA-55/HSR-1 personnel performing sample change outs	Adhere to requirements for chain of custody as described in MAQ-109.
Analytical laboratories	Maintain positive control of samples as required by SOWs and as described in internal procedures.

#### 5.4.5 Emissions Calculations

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team calculates emissions of radioactive particles and vapors from sampled point sources to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.

#### Requirement

Emissions must be calculated and used as inputs to the CAP88 computer code. This code is used to demonstrate compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.

## First principles

Emissions are calculated using the basic premise that the amount of particles and vapors collected is related to the amount of particles and vapors emitted from the point source according to the following equation:

$$A_{\text{emitted}} = A_{\text{collected}} * F_{\text{effluent}} / F_{\text{sample}}$$

where,

A<sub>emitted</sub> is the amount of particles/vapors emitted from the point source in Ci

 $A_{\text{collected}}$  is the amount of particles/vapors collected on the media in Ci

 $F_{\text{effluent}}$  is the effluent flow rate (three year historical maximum)  $F_{\text{sample}}$  is the sample flow rate

### **Correction factors**

<u>Line losses</u> – Particle line losses will be corrected using approximations for 5 micron particles (see discussion on Accuracy in section 5.4.1). For multi-point rakes, this corresponds to a correction factor of approximately 2. For shrouded probes, this corresponds to a correction factor of approximately 1.1. No corrections for line losses of vapors are necessary because these samples are gases.

<u>Collection efficiency</u> – For the glass fiber filters, no correction factor is necessary because the filters are assumed to be 100% efficient. **NOTE**: The efficiencies for these filters have been measured to be greater than 99.5%; however, the difference between "greater than 99.5% efficient" and 100% is insignificant.

For charcoal cartridges, the filters are assumed to be 65% efficient for radionuclides generally encountered at LANL. Studies at TA-53 on commonly encountered radionuclides have shown that the cartridge efficiency is actually greater than 85% (ESH-17:99-251). Assuming 65% causes an acceptable overestimate of emissions.

#### 5.4.5 Emissions Calculations, continued

## Correction factors, continued

<u>Composite correction</u> – For semi-annual composite samples, a correction factor of 2 will be used to account for the split sample.

<u>Downtime</u> – To account for time where a sample may not be collected, a correction factor will be calculated. Such corrections will generally occur for times greater than 0.5 hour. Additional considerations for calculating downtime are found in MAQ-119 ("Evaluation of Radioactive Air Emissions from Sampled Stacks").

#### **Procedures**

Emissions from particulate/vapor-emitting point sources are calculated according to MAQ-114 ("Calculation of Particulate and Vapor Radioactive Air Emissions from Sampled Stacks"). Corrections for "downtime" are made according to MAQ-119 ("Evaluation of Radioactive Air Emissions from Sampled Stacks").

Emissions from LANSCE are calculated according to MAQ-612 ("Calculating Weekly PVAP Radioactive Air Emissions from Sampled Stacks at TA-53").

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve procedures for calculating particulate/vapor emissions.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Calculate particulate/vapor emissions, through electronic or other means, in accordance with the requirements of MAQ-114 or MAQ-612, as appropriate.
	Calculate correction factors for "downtime" as necessary and in accordance with the guidance of MAQ-119.

#### 5.4.6 Responding to Increased Emissions

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team will identify emissions of particles and vapors that may result in increased off-site dose.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.2 – "Administrative controls shall be prescribed to ensure prompt response in the event that emission levels increase due to unplanned operations."

## Identifying increased releases

The Rad-NESHAP Team has identified maximum expected release values for gross alpha/beta emissions. These values will be compared to the weekly gross alpha/beta emissions for each value. Should any unexpected high releases occur, the facility representatives will be informed immediately. This generally corresponds to a four to seven day delay between sample collection and notification.

**NOTE**: Real-time monitors used by facilities solely for operational purposes do not fall under the purview of MAQ or this Quality Assurance Project Plan.

## Responding to increased releases

If increased emissions from a facility have the potential to impact the Laboratory's compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard, the responsible facility representatives will be informed within 24 hours of identification by the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader. Notifications will be made to a sufficiently high level of management to ensure that the conditions that result in the release are corrected.

## Classification as Tier I source

In the event that the actual particle/vapor emissions from a point source are determined to cause a member of the public (as defined in Subpart H) to receive greater than 1 mrem in any year, a procedure(s) specific to that source must be developed to address the following:

- Management plan for ensuring that emissions of radioactive materials do not cause an exceedance of the 10-mrem/yr standard.
- Graded approach to emissions management to ensure that increasingly stringent management controls are activated as emissions increase.

### 5.4.6 Responding to Increased Emissions, continued

#### **Procedures**

Responding to increased emissions will be performed according to MAQ-118 ("Categorizing and Reporting Increased Airborne Radioactive Emissions from Sampled Stacks").

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve procedures for evaluating increased emissions.
	Assign team members to carry out evaluation procedures.
	Inform facilities and others of significant increased emissions.
	Develop and implement Tier I procedures as necessary.
	Ensure appropriate analyses are performed prior to authorizing any planned increases in emissions.
Rad-NESHAP Team members	Carry out evaluations of and document increased emissions.
	Inform the Team Leader if emissions exceed triggers specified in increased-emission procedures.

#### 5.4.7 Data Management

#### Purpose

All data used for Rad-NESHAP activities will be maintained in a way that is accurate and defensible.

### Usage survey data

All data obtained from particulate/vapor stack monitoring will be maintained in a Microsoft Access database for future reference. Excel spreadsheets may be used to perform calculations, etc., as necessary. All data will be verified and validated by Rad-NESHAP team personnel. Verification and validation will include:

- 100% verification of hand-entered data,
- 10% verification of electronically transferred data, and
- Professional evaluation of all data for usability in compliance calculations (see subsection 5.4.8 Process Verification and Peer Review).

The following table lists specific responsibilities.

#### **Implementation**

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Determine data management requirements.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Ensure timely completion of data management requirements.
	Inform the Team Leader of any problems related to data management that could impact compliance with the regulation.
Information Management team	Provide database and records management support to ensure that Rad-NESHAP data is maintained in a protected and defensible manner and that meets the requirements of Section 4 Electronic Media.

#### 5.4.8 Process Verification and Peer Review

#### Purpose

Monitored point source activities related to measuring particle/vapor emissions will be reviewed and verified by qualified persons to ensure that Rad-NESHAP requirements are met.

Verification and peer review methods Through a process of peer review and verification, LANL helps ensure that these activities meet Rad-NESHAP requirements. These methods are described below for each process. Unless otherwise stated, MAQ Rad-NESHAP team personnel will perform the verification methods.

Process	Method(s)
Data Quality Objectives	Verify that the requirements for precision, accuracy, and completeness have been met.
	Identify and resolve issues that may affect meeting these requirements.
Sample collection	Prior to installation, review new sample system locations used to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.
	Review the calibration schedule of the collection systems to ensure the frequency continues to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.
Sample analysis	Verify data are complete, reasonable, and meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61 and the FFCA.
Sample tracking	At least once during the year, review chain of custody documentation for sample collection personnel and analytical laboratories. This may be accomplished through routine audits and assessments.
Emissions calculations	Verify selected assumptions, data, and emissions calculations.
	As data are entered or electronically uploaded into the Rad-NESHAP database, review data for accuracy. Review at least 10% of electronically uploaded data and 100% of manually entered data.
Responding to increased emissions	Review maximum expected release values to ensure that they are appropriately high.
	For Tier I sources, review decisions regarding emission limits, procedures and action levels.

# 5.5 Monitored Point Sources – Short-lived Radioactive Gases

#### **Purpose**

Monitored emissions of short-lived radioactive gases (which do not include "vapors" addressed in Section 5.4) are unique to the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSCE) at LANL. The short-lived radioactive gases work process is used to:

- Operate and maintain radioactive gas analysis systems for monitored (Tier I or Tier II) point sources. Currently two point sources meet this requirement: TA-53-3, ES-3 and TA-53-7, ES-2.
- Determine emissions from these point sources.
- Determine if a Tier II point source should be categorized as Tier I.

#### Requirement

Any stack with the potential to contribute greater than 0.1 mrem/yr to an off-site receptor must be monitored. An appropriate sampling or analysis system must be in place to measure any radionuclide that could contribute greater than 10% of the potential effective dose equivalent from these stacks. [40CFR61.93(b)(4)(i-ii) and 40CFR61.93(e-f)]

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will operate and maintain airborne radioactive gas emissions monitoring equipment in a manner consistent with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.

Any point source which is Tier II (PEDE > 0.1 mrem/yr) for emissions of radioactive short-lived gases will be evaluated to determine if it warrants classification as Tier I. All point sources currently monitored for short-lived radioactive gases in accordance with this work process are identified in Appendix D, along with their Tier classification.

# **Description of sub-processes**

This work process can be divided into eight sub-processes. These sub-processes, described below, combine to provide the mechanism for ensuring that effluent sampling systems are operated and emissions are determined according to the regulatory requirements.

- 5.5.1 Data Quality Objectives
- 5.5.2 Sample Collection
- 5.5.3 Sample Analysis
- 5.5.4 Sample Tracking
- 5.5.5 Emissions Calculations
- 5.5.6 Responding to Increased Emissions
- 5.5.7 Data management
- 5.5.8 Process Verification and Peer Review

## 5.5.1 Data Quality Objectives

#### Purpose

Quality assurance for the operation and maintenance of a short-lived radioactive gas effluent measurement program requires that objectives for the quality of the measurement data be determined and implemented.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.4 – "The objectives of the quality assurance program shall be documented and shall state the required precision, accuracy and completeness of the emission measurement data including a description of the procedures used to assess these parameters…"

#### **Precision**

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Precision is a measure of the agreement among individual measurements of the same parameters under similar conditions." The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies precision requirements for each of the following measurements made for airborne radioactive gas effluent monitoring:

<u>Total system precision</u> – At least once during each run cycle, a comparison between emissions levels for two separate time periods under approximately the same configuration will be made. As an example, this system precision could be determined by comparing the number of curies emitted per microamp-hour of beam operation under a given configuration. For this example, the measurements for the comparison would generally be conducted for at least a 24-hour period.

The tolerable difference for these two measurements is  $\pm 10\%$ . **NOTE**: Emissions associated with low-power beam may not be sufficiently steady to allow such a comparison. In this case, documentation of the situation may be made in lieu of the comparison.

<u>Stack flow measurement</u> – At least twice per year, a duplicate flow measurement is made at one of the measured stacks. This flow measurement occurs within one week of the original flow measurement. The tolerable difference for these measurements is  $\pm 10\%$ . This duplicate measurement evaluates the precision of the methodology used in procedure MAQ-127.

**NOTE:** Since all stacks in sections 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5 are measured according to similar methodology (described in MAQ-127), this precision verification need only be performed on one stack to meet this requirement for all three types of stacks.

## 5.5.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

# Precision, continued

Sample analysis – The sample analysis for activated gases is conducted using a gamma spectroscopy system and an ionization chamber. At least once during each run cycle, the precision of these two instruments will be verified by determining the ratio of the net 511 keV peak area to the net ion chamber charge, at two separate times, under similar beam operation conditions and under the same exhaust system configuration. The tolerable difference for these measurements is  $\pm 10\%$ , when beam operations result in a continuous stack ion chamber current of 1 picoampere (above background) over a 24 hour period.

From ES-2, an ion chamber reading at this level corresponds to an offsite dose rate of 0.00035 mrem/day or 0.01 mrem per month. From ES-3, this threshold level corresponds to 0.013 mrem/day or 0.4 mrem per month. Differences between the emissions rate of the two stacks result from different stack flows and ion chamber sizes

#### Accuracy

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Accuracy is the degree of agreement of a measurement with a true or known value." The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies accuracy requirements for each of the following measurements made for gaseous airborne effluent monitoring:

Overall system performance – For the purposes of demonstrating compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, accuracy of the systems is qualitatively demonstrated by installing them in accordance with the requirements of MAQ-121.

<u>Ion Chamber & Electrometer response</u> – Accuracy of the ion chamber and electrometer system is demonstrated by a system performance test prior to each run cycle. This test is also performed any time a system parameter (e. g., electrometer full-scale setting) is changed. The test involves using a calibrated current source as input to the electrometer, and demonstrating that the response is linear to within two percent over the affected range of the system. The performance test process is described in procedure MAQ-604, "Performance Testing of the Kanne Air Flow-Through Ion Chambers."

<u>HPGe response</u> – Accuracy of the high-purity germanium detector is demonstrated by analysis of a known-activity gas source. The analysis, referred to as a "data quality measurement" (DQM) test, is performed twice per month on stack monitoring systems when the systems are in operation. Successful completion of the DQM test is obtained when the reported detector efficiency and reported activity of the known sample are each within two percent of the actual efficiency of the sample, as calculated by staff. The process for conducting a DQM test is found in procedure MAQ-605, "Gamma Spectroscopy Data Collection for Gaseous Emissions at TA-53 Stacks."

## 5.5.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

Note on new stack sampling guidance New stack sampling guidance, ANSI N13.1-1999, was published in January 1999. This 1999 standard was incorporated by reference into the 2003 revision of 40 CFR 61 Subpart H for use on new or modified point sources. It is important to note that the LANSCE gas systems meet the technical specifications for mixing provided in this new guidance. Because the LANSCE shrouded probes (for particle sampling) were installed in accordance with the EPA alternative reference method, the locations of those probes meet the technical mixing specifications. Since the gas probes at LANSCE are installed in the same location, we can extrapolate that the gas probes are located in a well-mixed area. This provides further evidence that the gas systems are able to sample accurately.

#### Completeness

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Completeness is a measure of the amount of valid data obtained compared to the amount expected under normal conditions." The Rad-NESHAP Team has identified a completeness requirement for the following measurements made for gaseous airborne effluent monitoring:

System availability – The requirement for combined operational availability of LANSCE stack ion chambers and gamma spectroscopy systems is 85% for each stack during accelerator operation. This requirement includes all losses due to equipment malfunction and personnel error. Furthermore, since sample analyses are done online, system availability and sample analytical completeness are essentially the same measurement. This measurement will be evaluated at least annually.

However, emissions have been closely correlated with accelerator power level and other known factors; thus, excellent estimates of emissions can be determined even without an operational monitoring system.

# 5.5.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Develop and maintain the requirements and objectives for the measurement of gaseous airborne effluents.
	Assign personnel to evaluate the team performance with these requirements and objectives.
	Take action, as necessary, to ensure that the team meets the requirements and objectives.
Rad-NESHAP Team members	Evaluate team performance with the requirements and objectives.
	Inform the Team Leader of any problems or potential problems that may impact the team's ability to meet the requirements and objectives.

## 5.5.2 Sample Collection

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team samples short-lived radioactive gaseous airborne effluents to determine the amount of these materials released to the ambient air.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.3 -- "The sample collection and analysis procedures used in measuring the emissions shall be described..."

# Identification of sampling sites and probe types

Sampling or monitoring sites are selected in accordance with MAQ-121, "Sampling/Monitoring Radioactive Particulates, Tritium, and Gases from Exhaust Stacks, Vents, and Ducts." Performance of this procedure generates worksheets that document system design, sampling probe type, and sampling probe location parameters. Documentation of successful completion of this procedure can be found in the Monitored Stack Systems Records Series (See Section 4).

LANSCE is monitored for gases at two stacks during accelerator operation: TA-53-7, ES-2 and TA-53-3, ES-3.

# Description of sampling probes and representa-

tiveness

<u>Sampling probes</u> – The gas sample probes are constructed of 1" OD 304 stainless steel.

<u>Representativeness of samples</u> – Representativeness is obtained by following the guidance of ANSI N13.1-1969. Samples are obtained to ensure representative, or at least conservatively high, measurements of short-lived gaseous emissions. See the discussion on accuracy in subsection 5.5.1 Data Quality Objectives.

# Gas collection system

<u>General description</u> – Since gas collection is not affected by particle size considerations, gas sampling is accomplished with a single-point, open-end extraction tube mounted in the stack. During operations, the sample pumps continuously draw stack gases through the monitoring system.

<u>Frequency of gas collection</u> – At LANSCE, gases are continuously drawn through the ES-3 monitoring system whenever there is any beam to the switchyard and through the ES-2 monitoring system whenever there is any beam in Line D. Gas sampling is not required at other times.

### 5.5.2 Sample Collection, continued

# Sample flow rate measurements

Sample flow rate – Sample flow rates are measured using a calibrated orifice in line with a calibrated Magnehelic® gauge measuring pressure drop across the orifice. At LANSCE, the sample flow rate is checked each day and adjusted so that the flow rate corresponds to the transit time from the collection point to the top of the stack, typically in the range of about 6 acfm for ES-3. This adjustment provides a sample that is equivalent to the gas composition as it exits the ES-3 stack. Since the probe at ES-2 is near the top of the stack, the flow rate at ES-2 is set so that the transit time to the monitoring system is very short. This corresponds to a sample flow rate of about 3 acfm.

<u>Sample flow calibration</u> – Flow measurement equipment is calibrated by LANL Standards and Calibration laboratory. Magnehelic® gauges are calibrated annually; the more robust orifices require calibration every five years.

# Effluent flow rate measurements

<u>Effluent flow rate measurements</u> – Effluent flow rates will be measured using a standard or s-type pitot tube in accordance with MAQ-127, "Determination of Stack Gas Velocity and Flow Rate in Exhaust Stacks, Ducts, and Vents." These flow measurements will be performed semi-annually for expected ventilation configurations and meet the requirements for periodic flow measurements.

<u>Calibration of effluent flow measuring devices</u> – Instruments used to measure stack flow, which require calibration, will be calibrated as specified in MAQ-127.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve sample site locations and gas collection systems.
	Approve calibration requirements for systems used in gas collection and analysis.
Rad-NESHAP	Design or oversee design of gas collection/analysis systems.
Team personnel	Install or oversee installation of gas collection/analysis systems.
	Review calibration and measurement procedures to ensure conformance with the regulatory requirements.
KSL	Perform effluent flow rate measurements according to schedule and procedure.

## 5.5.3 Sample Analysis

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team analyzes short-lived radioactive gaseous effluents in near real time online to determine emissions.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.3 -- "The sample collection and analysis procedures used in measuring the emissions shall be described..."

# Analytical system description

The essential components of the gas analysis system consist of a high purity germanium (HPGe) gamma spectroscopy system with sample can, and a flow-through Kanne ionization chamber.

The Kanne chamber continuously monitors the stack effluent. The gamma spectroscopy system measures the concentration of radionuclides in the stack gas. Additionally, the multi-channel scaling (MCS) feature of the spectroscopy system is used to measure, by decay analysis, the composition fraction of the positron emitters in an isolated grab sample. These spectroscopy analyses provide a cross-calibration of the radionuclide quantities with the output of the ion chamber. These measurements meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114 and correlate to analysis methods B-1, G-1 and G-4.

The following table shows the primary radionuclides of interest and a sample composition in LANSCE gases.

**NOTE**: Fractional composition varies with system configuration.

**Typical LANSCE Radionuclides** 

		Beta	Gamma		Fractional
Nuclide	Decay Mode	Emax (MeV)	Energy (MeV)	Half-life (min)	Composition (2002 ES-2)
<sup>16</sup> N	e <sup>-</sup>	4.3	6.13	0.12	0.011%
<sup>10</sup> C	e <sup>+</sup>	1.9	0.511, 0.72	0.32	0.017%
<sup>14</sup> O	e <sup>+</sup>	1.8	0.511, 2.31	1.18	0.35%
<sup>15</sup> O	$e^+$	1.74	0.511	2.07	34.71%
<sup>13</sup> N	e <sup>+</sup>	1.19	0.511	10.0	2.88%
<sup>11</sup> C	e <sup>+</sup>	0.96	0.511	20.5	61.58%
<sup>41</sup> Ar	e <sup>-</sup>	1.20	1.29	109.8	0.45%

## 5.5.3 Sample Analysis, continued

# **Spectroscopy** measurements

Standard spectroscopy methods are used with the spectroscopy system to quantitatively determine the following radionuclides in a continuously flowing sample (other radionuclides may be included as needed):

- total positron emitters, including <sup>11</sup>C, <sup>13</sup>N and <sup>15</sup>O (detected via the 511 keV annihilation gamma ray)
- <sup>10</sup>C (718 keV, also a positron emitter)
- 41Ar (1296 keV)
- <sup>14</sup>O (2313 keV, also a positron emitter)
- <sup>16</sup>N (6128 keV)

# Decay curve measurements

In the multi-channel scalar (MCS) mode, the spectroscopy system works as a 511 keV data logger with each new measurement being incremented to the next channel and effectively plotting the positron decay curve of an isolated grab sample. The results are analyzed by linear regression to determine the relative fractions of the positron emitters at t=0. The positron emitters of interest are carbon-11, nitrogen-13, and oxygen-15. Effective decay curve measurements require at least 20 cps (counts per second) on the 511 keV peak, as recorded by the MCS.

# Ion chamber measurements

The Kanne ion chamber measures gross radiation by integrating current. Using a calibration factor determined from the spectroscopy system, the total activity per unit volume of gas is determined.

# Analysis frequency

Analyses are essentially continuous, since the ion chamber integrates continuously. Spectroscopy and decay curve measurements are done at least once per week or whenever the accelerator configuration changes as emissions allow (effective decay curve measurements require at least 20 counts per second on the 511 keV peak, as recorded by the MCS). These analyses are only required during accelerator operation, since such emissions do not occur when the accelerator is not operating.

## 5.5.3 Sample Analysis, continued

#### Spectroscopy system calibration

Calibration of the HPGe system is described in MAQ-603, "Calibrating the High Purity Germanium System used on Monitored Stacks at TA-53." The HPGe detector is quantitatively calibrated for 511 keV with a <sup>85</sup>Kr volume standard producing a convenient 514 keV gamma ray. The standard contains an accurately known <sup>85</sup>Kr activity. Prior to and after filling, the calibration can is leak tested according to MP-7-OP-9-2.01, "Procedure for Building, Testing, and Filling LANSCE Gamma Cans." An energy calibration is done using a mixed point-source standard. This energy calibration and the single-point quantitative calibration above are used to generate a full-spectrum quantitative calibration for other radionuclides. The HPGe system is calibrated prior to each beam operation cycle and when calibration checks indicate that a recalibration is needed.

# Kanne system calibration

The ion chamber is calibrated with the HPGe system so that the integrated current output of the chamber can be related to the total curies emitted. The details of this calibration are provided in MAQ-605, "Gamma Spectroscopy Data Collection for Gaseous Emissions at TA-53 Stacks," and MAQ-614, "Calculating Weekly Gaseous Radioactive Air Emissions from Sampled Stacks at TA-53." The ion chamber calibration varies by about 4% over the typical range of composition fractions. Although the calibration factor is highly stable, the factor is measured and verified numerous times during each annual operating cycle.

# **Detection limits**

Kanne Chamber – Since ion chambers are current integrating devices, their sensitivity is not determined by the standard random statistics-based equation used for calculating the sensitivity of discrete radiation counters. Instead, non-parametric methods are used. For the stack monitors, the output of each ion chamber is integrated in picocoulombs (pC) over the measurement period with a standard background rate subtracted. Thus, any integrated charge over the standard background rate is considered an emission during beam operation. The smallest integrator value is 1 pC. Assuming this reading is taken daily and multiplying it by the chamber calibration factor and stack flow rate, a "sensitivity" of about 7E-4 Ci/day is obtained for the 5-liter chamber at ES-3. Similarly, a value of 2E-5 Ci/day is obtained for the 50-liter chamber at ES-2. These minimum detectable release rates are very small fractions of actual release rates during beam operation and correspond to annual doses to the MEI orders of magnitude below 0.01 mrem/year.

Prior to the 2003 operation cycle, the 5-liter ion chamber at ES-3 will be replaced with a 50-liter system, providing sensitivity similar to that of the ES-2 stack.

# 5.5.3 Sample Analysis, continued

# **Detection limits**, continued

Gamma spectroscopy – The absolute sensitivity of the HPGe system is much better than needed to quantify LANSCE gaseous stack emissions. For example at ES-2, 1 gamma/s above background is easily observable with good confidence. This count rate corresponds to a concentration of approximately 1E-12 Ci/cc, or less than 2% the typical concentration observed during operation. Therefore, there is very adequate sensitivity to detect the radionuclides of interest. Furthermore, because of the high HPGe count rate normally seen at 511 keV during operations, background corrections are unnecessary and counting statistics are excellent.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve analytical procedures for gas analyses.
Rad-NESHAP	Operate the LANSCE gas monitoring system.
Team personnel	Calculate and verify emissions of short-lived gases in accordance with applicable procedures.

## 5.5.4 Sample Tracking

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team collects samples that are used to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. The Rad-NESHAP Team, and any other personnel involved in the preparation, retrieval, and analysis, must maintain positive control of samples at all times until sample disposal.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.6 -- "A sample tracking system shall be established to provide for positive identification of samples and data through all phases of the sample collection, analysis, and reporting system. Sample handling and preservation procedures shall be established to maintain the integrity of samples during collection, storage, and analysis."

# Chain of custody

The online gas monitoring systems at LANSCE do not "collect" samples for later analyses. Furthermore, the data readouts of these online systems are automated. Therefore, "sample tracking" and "chain of custody" requirements do not apply to the gas monitoring systems. However, the time-stamped output of the ion chamber provides the online equivalent of a sample-tracking system.

#### 5.5.5 Emissions Calculations

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team calculates emissions of gases from sampled point sources at LANSCE to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.

#### Requirement

Emissions must be calculated and used as inputs to the CAP88 computer code. This code is used to demonstrate compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.

#### **Calculations**

Emissions of gases are calculated using the basic premise that the activity per unit volume in the sampled gases is the same as the activity per unit volume in the effluent. Thus, the sample activity per unit volume for any period times the total stack volume during the period equals the total emission.

To account for times when the monitoring system may not be functioning correctly, emissions during those times will be calculated based on the accelerator power level, effluent flow rates, and the well-known relationship between these parameters and emissions.

#### **Procedures**

Gaseous emissions from LANSCE point sources are calculated according to MAQ-614, "Calculating Weekly Gaseous Radioactive Air Emissions from Sampled Stacks at TA-53." Corrections for "downtime" are made according to the same procedure.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP	Approve procedures for calculating gaseous emissions.
Team Leader	
Rad-NESHAP Team members	Calculate gaseous emissions, through electronic or other means, according to the requirements of MAQ-614.

## 5.5.6 Responding to Increased Emissions

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team will identify emissions of gases at LANSCE that may result in increased off-site dose.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.2 – "Administrative controls shall be prescribed to ensure prompt response in the event that emission levels increase due to unplanned operations."

# Identifying increased releases

The correlation between LANSCE operations and emissions is very well known for a wide variety of operational conditions. Furthermore, the gas monitoring system is checked each day and an alarmed continuous readout of the Kanne ion chamber is provided in the LANSCE control room during significant beam operations. Thus, significant increased releases will be quickly detected and a response initiated.

# Responding to increased releases

If increased emissions from LANSCE have the potential to impact the Laboratory's compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard, the responsible facility representatives will be informed within 24 hours of identification by the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader. Notifications will be made to a sufficiently high level of management to ensure that the conditions that result in the release are corrected, if possible.

### 5.5.6 Responding to Increased Emissions, continued

# Classification as Tier I source

In the event that the actual emissions from a point source are determined to cause a member of the public (as defined in Subpart H) to receive greater than 1 mrem in any year, a procedure(s) specific to that source must be developed to address the following:

- Management plan for ensuring that emissions of radioactive materials do not cause an exceedance of the 10-mrem/yr standard.
- Graded approach to emissions management to ensure that increasingly stringent management controls are activated as emissions increase.
- In recent history, both LANSCE stacks have been classified as Tier 1, at different times. Following cessation of beam operations in the main LANSCE beam line (Line A) after 1998, TA-53-3-ES-3 has dropped to Tier II levels, or below. After the re-design of the 1L Target in 2000, TA-53-7-ES-2 has been elevated to Tier I status.
- Both monitored stacks at TA-53 are treated identically as they would if they were Tier I. The emissions management plan in MAQ-610 applies to both stacks, and treats LANSCE stack emissions as a whole.

#### **Procedures**

As mentioned, both monitored stacks at TA-53 are considered to be Tier I sources, due to the historical emissions levels from these sources. For these stacks, the Tier I procedural requirements are addressed through MAQ-610 and are further implemented through MAQ-608 and MAQ-609. Further, these procedures provide the necessary level of notification and reporting in the event that emissions exceed certain values.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP	Approve procedures for evaluating increased emissions.
Team Leader	Assign team members to carry out evaluation procedures.
	Inform facilities and others of significant increased emissions.
	Ensure appropriate analyses are performed prior to authorizing any planned increases in emissions.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Carry out evaluations of and document increased emissions.

## 5.5.7 Data management

#### Purpose

All data used for Rad-NESHAP activities will be maintained in a way that is accurate and defensible.

# Monitoring data

As with all calculations, data sufficient to regenerate calculations will be maintained in hard copy. Additional supplementary data may be kept in electronic format to ease in calculations and data searches.

All final results obtained from gas stack monitoring will be maintained in a Microsoft Access database for future reference. Excel spreadsheets may be used to perform calculations, etc., as necessary. All data will be verified and validated by Rad-NESHAP team personnel. Verification and validation will include:

- 100% verification of hand-entered data
- 10% verification of electronically transferred data
- Professional evaluation of all data for usability (see subsection 5.5.8 Process Verification and Peer Review).

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Determine data management requirements.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Ensure timely completion of data management requirements.
	Inform the Team Leader of any problems related to data management that could impact compliance with the regulation.
Information Management Team	Provide database and records management support to ensure that Rad-NESHAP team data is maintained in a protected and defensible manner and that meets the requirements of section 4 Electronic Media.

# 5.5.8 Process Verification and Peer Review

#### Purpose

Monitored point source activities related to measuring gaseous emissions will be reviewed and verified by qualified persons to ensure that Rad-NESHAP team requirements are met.

#### Verification and peer review methods

Through a process of peer review and verification, LANL helps ensure that these activities meet Rad-NESHAP team requirements. These methods are described below for each process.

Process	Method(s)
Data Quality Objectives	Verify that the requirements for precision, accuracy, and completeness have been met.
	Identify and resolve issues that may affect meeting these objectives.
Sample collection	Prior to installation, review new gas-collection system locations used to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.
	Review the calibration schedule of the collection systems to ensure the frequency continues to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.
Sample analysis	Verify data are complete, reasonable, and meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, and the FFCA.
Sample tracking	Not applicable.
Emissions calculations	Verify selected assumptions, data, and emissions calculations.
	As data are entered or electronically uploaded into the Rad-NESHAP database, review data for accuracy. Review at least 10% of electronically uploaded data and 100% of manually entered data.
	As data are entered or electronically uploaded into spreadsheets or other programs, review data for accuracy. Review at least 10% of electronically uploaded data and 100% of manually entered data.
Responding to increased emissions	Evaluate unexpected gaseous emissions for their cause and impact.
	For Tier I sources, review decisions regarding emission limits, procedures and action levels.

## 5.6 Non-point Sources

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team uses a subset (17) of the environmental AIRNET particulate and tritium sampling systems to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, for most non-point sources at LANL.

Special calculations are performed for non-point emissions of activated gases at TA-18 and LANSCE. This work process describes the methods that the Rad-NESHAP Team uses to meet the quality assurance requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4, "Quality Assurance Methods."

#### Requirement

The FFCA specifies environmental monitoring to determine emissions from non-point sources. It also states that significant non-point emissions of activated gases, not measured by AIRNET, will be determined by other FFCA-approved means.

#### **Policy**

MAQ will operate and maintain FFCA AIRNET stations and will determine significant activated gaseous emissions (i.e., Ar-41) from non-point sources in a manner consistent with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, and the FFCA. The daily operation of the AIRNET system is managed by the Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader.

# **Description of sub-processes**

The non-point source work process can be divided into eight sub-processes. These sub-processes, described below, combine to provide the mechanism for ensuring that AIRNET sampling systems are operated and emissions are determined according to the regulatory requirements. Instead of restating these processes in detail in this document, wherever possible, they are referenced to the "Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Radiological Air Sampling Network" (MAQ-AIRNET).

- 5.6.1 Data Quality Objectives
- 5.6.2 Sample Collection
- 5.6.3 Sample Analysis
- 5.6.4 Sample Tracking
- 5.6.5 Air Concentration and Emission Calculations
- 5.6.6 Responding to Increased Emissions
- 5.6.7 Data Management
- 5.6.8 Process Verification and Peer Review

Annual dose calculations are described in section 5.7 Dose Assessment.

## 5.6.1 Data Quality Objectives

#### Purpose

Quality assurance for the operation and maintenance of an ambient environmental air-monitoring program requires that requirements for the quality of the measurement data be determined and implemented.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.4 – "The objectives of the quality assurance program shall be documented and shall state the required precision, accuracy and completeness of the emission measurement data including a description of the procedures used to assess these parameters…"

#### **Precision**

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Precision is a measure of the agreement among individual measurements of the same parameters under similar conditions." Precision requirements are discussed in MAQ-AIRNET ("Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Radiological Air Sampling Network (AIRNET)") for ambient air monitoring.

#### Accuracy

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Accuracy is the degree of agreement of a measurement with a true or known value." Accuracy requirements for ambient air monitoring are discussed in MAQ-AIRNET.

#### **Completeness**

Per Method 114, Section 4.4, "Completeness is a measure of the amount of valid data obtained compared to the amount expected under normal conditions." Completeness requirements for ambient air monitoring are discussed in MAQ AIRNET.

Completeness requirements for AIRNET compliance stations are established by the FFCA at 95% and 80% for run-time and analytical completeness, respectively.

# 5.6.1 Data Quality Objectives, continued

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Provide input and review to AIRNET system DQOs.
Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader	Develop and maintain the requirements and objectives for the measurement of ambient air through the AIRNET system.
	Assign personnel to evaluate the system's performance with these requirements and objectives.
	Ensure the AIRNET system operates to its DQOs.
Air Quality Monitoring Team personnel	Evaluate team performance with the requirements and objectives.
	Inform the Team Leaders of any problems or potential problems that may impact the team's ability to meet the requirements and objectives.

## 5.6.2 Sample Collection

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team samples ambient environmental air to determine the amount of particles and tritium in the ambient air.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.3 – "The sample collection and analysis procedures used in measuring the emissions shall be described..."

#### Reference

The sample collection work process given in sections B1 – B2 of MAQ-AIRNET ("Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Radiological Air Sampling Network") will be used for the Rad-NESHAP Team.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve sample site locations and sampler types for compliance stations.
	Provide input to the Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader regarding sample collection, calibrations, etc., within the AIRNET system.
	Approve procedures for the AIRNET system that may affect the compliance status of the AIRNET system.
Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader	Approve sample site locations and sampler types for compliance stations.
	Approve calibration requirements for systems used in sample collection.
	Initiate and approve new and revised procedures for the AIRNET system.
Air Quality	Design or oversee design of sampling systems.
Monitoring	Install or oversee installation of sampling systems.
Team personnel	Calibrate and maintain samplers.
	Collect and transport samples according to procedure.
	Review calibration and measurement procedures to ensure conformance with the regulatory requirements.

## 5.6.3 Sample Analysis

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team analyzes or contracts for the analysis of environmental air samples.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.3 – "The sample collection and analysis procedures used in measuring the emissions shall be described..."

#### Reference

The sample analysis work process given in section B4 of MAQ-AIRNET ("Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Radiological Air Sampling Network") will be used for the Rad-NESHAP Team.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve analytical laboratories that are contracted to analyze samples.
	Approve Statements of Work (SOWs) for analytical laboratories that are contracted to analyze samples.
Air Quality Monitoring	Approve analytical laboratories that are contracted to analyze samples.
Team Leader	Approve Statements of Work (SOWs) for analytical laboratories that are contracted to analyze samples.
Analytical Chemistry Coordinator	Prepare Statements of Work (SOWs) for analytical chemistry laboratories that samples.
	Evaluate and recommend appropriate analytical laboratories to analyze samples.
	Review analytical data to ensure that they meet the requirements of this QAPP (as specified in the reference sampling and analysis plan) and the applicable SOW.
	Inform the Rad-NESHAP Team of any discrepancies in data that may impact team requirements.
	Perform annual audits of analytical laboratories to ensure requirements in 40 CFR 61.95 and Method 114 QA requirements are met.

# 5.6.3 Sample Analysis, continued

Who	What
Air Quality Monitoring Team personnel	Provide support to the analytical chemistry coordinator in identifying and resolving discrepancies with analytical data.
Analytical laboratories	Analyze samples according to the requirements of the SOW.

## 5.6.4 Sample Tracking

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team uses environmental air samples to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H for most non-point sources. All personnel involved in the preparation, retrieval, and analysis of these samples, must maintain positive control of samples at all times until sample disposal.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.6 – "A sample tracking system shall be established to provide for positive identification of samples and data through all phases of the sample collection, analysis, and reporting system. Sample handling and preservation procedures shall be established to maintain the integrity of samples during collection, storage and analysis."

#### Reference

The sample analysis work process given in section B3 of MAQ-AIRNET ("Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Radiological Air Sampling Network") will be used for this Rad-NESHAP activity.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve procedures for sample handling and control during sample prep, retrieval, and shipping.
Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader	Initiate and approve procedures for sample handling and control during sample prep, retrieval, and shipping.
Analytical Chemistry coordinator	Ensure chain-of-custody requirements are addressed in SOWs.  Ensure analytical laboratories adhere to requirements for chain of custody.
Air Quality Monitoring Team personnel	Adhere to requirements for chain of custody as described in procedures.
Analytical laboratories	Maintain positive control of samples as required by SOWs and as described in internal procedures.

#### 5.6.5 Air Concentration and Emission Calculations

#### Purpose

Rad-NESHAP Team members calculate ambient air concentrations of radioactive particles and tritium at potential MEI locations. The Rad-NESHAP and/or Dose Assessment team also calculates non-point activated gas emissions from TA-18 and LANSCE. These calculations are used to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H.

#### Requirement

Ambient air concentrations from AIRNET stations at potential MEI locations must be calculated and compared to 40 CFR 61, Appendix E, Table 2 values to determine the dose. These values are then added to the doses determined for point sources. Diffuse emissions from TA-18 and LANSCE are determined and used as input to CAP88. The dose contribution from these measurements is added to the total dose at the MEI location determined for other sources.

#### **Procedures**

Ambient air sample concentrations from AIRNET samples, activated-gas emissions from TA-18, and diffuse gaseous emissions at LANSCE are calculated according to procedures MAQ-502 ("Air Pathway Dose Assessment"), MAQ-506 ("Calculation of Air Activation Activity from TA-18"), and MAQ-611 ("Calculation of Diffuse Emissions from LANSCE"), respectively.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approve procedures for calculating ambient air concentrations.
	Approve procedures for calculating emissions from non-point sources of radioactive materials.
Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader	Initiate and approve new and revised procedures for calculating ambient air concentrations.
Air Quality Monitoring Team personnel	Calculate ambient air concentrations through electronic or other means, in accordance with the requirements of applicable procedures.

# 5.6.5 Air Concentration and Emission Calculations, continued

Who	What
Meteorology Team Leader	Perform meteorology measurements of absolute humidity in accordance with a quality plan that meets the specifications of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114.
	Provide absolute humidity data to Air Quality Monitoring team personnel for the calculation of ambient tritium concentrations.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Determine diffuse activated gas emissions from TA-18 and LANSCE, as assigned.
Dose Assessment Team personnel	Determine diffuse activated gas emissions from TA-18, as assigned.
TA-18	Provide operating data for calculating emissions.

### 5.6.6 Responding to Increased Emissions

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team identifies ambient air concentrations of particles, tritium, or activated gases that may result in increased off-site dose.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.2 – "Administrative controls shall be prescribed to ensure prompt response in the event that emission levels increase due to unplanned operations."

# Identifying increased releases

The Rad-NESHAP Team will use action levels developed by the Air Quality Monitoring Team for the AIRNET stations covered under this work process (procedure MAQ-201, "Evaluating AIRNET Data Against Action Levels"). These values will be compared to biweekly and quarterly samples. Should any unexpected high activity be observed, actions will be taken to determine the cause.

# Responding to increased releases

If increased results from an AIRNET station have the potential to impact the Laboratory's compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard, notifications will be made to a sufficiently high level of management to ensure that the conditions that result in the release are corrected. For further discussion, see MAQ-AIRNET.

#### **Procedures**

Responding to increased emissions is performed according to MAQ-201.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP	Approve procedures for evaluating increased emissions.
Team Leader	Provide input to Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader regarding increased emissions.
Air Quality Monitoring	Initiate and approve new or revised procedures for evaluating increased emissions.
Team Leader	Assign team members to carry out evaluation procedures.
	Inform facilities and others of significant increased emissions.

# 5.6.6 Responding to Increased Emissions, continued

Who	What
Air Quality Monitoring Team personnel	Carry out evaluations of and document increased emissions.  Inform the Team Leader if emissions exceed triggers specified in increased-emission procedures.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Inform Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader of increased stack emissions which may result in increased ambient concentrations as measured by the AIRNET system.

## 5.6.7 Data Management

#### **Purpose**

All data used for Rad-NESHAP team activities will be maintained in such a way that they will be accurate and defensible.

#### Data

All data obtained for non point sources will be maintained in a Microsoft Access database for future reference. Excel spreadsheets may be used to perform calculations, etc., as necessary. All data will be verified and validated by team personnel. Verification and validation will include:

- 100% verification of hand-entered data,
- 10% verification of electronically transferred data, and
- Professional evaluation of all data for usability (see section 5.6.8 Process Verification and Peer Review).

#### Additional information

See MAQ-AIRNET for more specific information on data management activities for AIRNET measurements.

Who	What
Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader	Determine data management requirements.
Air Quality Monitoring Team personnel	Ensure timely completion of data management requirements in accordance with procedure.  Inform the Team Leader(s) of any problems related to data
	management which could impact compliance with the regulation.
Information Management team	Provide database and records management support to ensure that Rad-NESHAP data is maintained in a protected and defensible manner and that meets the requirements of Section 4 Electronic Media.

### 5.6.8 Process Verification and Peer Review

#### **Purpose**

Non-point source measurements and calculations will be reviewed and verified by qualified persons to ensure that Rad-NESHAP requirements are met.

#### Verification and peer review methods

Through a process of peer review and verification, LANL helps ensure that these activities meet Rad-NESHAP requirements. These methods are described below for each process.

Process	Method(s)
Data Quality Objectives	Verify that the requirements for precision, accuracy, and completeness have been met.
	Identify and resolve issues that may affect meeting these requirements.
Sample collection	Review all AIRNET locations used to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, for compliance with micro-siting criteria at least once per year.
Sample analysis	Verify data are complete, reasonable, and meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61 and the FFCA.
	Verify requirements for detection limits specified in 40 CFR 61 and the FFCA are met.
Sample tracking	At least once during the year, review chain of custody documentation for sample collection personnel and analytical laboratories. This may be accomplished through routine audits and assessments.
Concentration and emissions calculations	Verify selected assumptions, data, and emissions/concentration calculations.
	As data are entered or electronically uploaded into the AIRNET database, review data for accuracy. Review at least 10% of electronically uploaded data and 100% of manually entered data.
Responding to increased emissions	Review all exceedances of action levels.

#### 5.7 Dose Assessment

#### Purpose

This work process addresses the requirements of 40 CFR 61.92, 40 CFR 61.93(a), and 40 CFR 61.94(a) and thereby demonstrates institutional compliance with both the EPA dose standard and EPA dose assessment methodology.

#### Requirement

According to the 40 CFR 61.92, "Emissions of radionuclides to the ambient air from Department of Energy Facilities shall not exceed those amounts that would cause any member of the public to receive in any year an effective dose equivalent of 10 mrem/yr." To determine compliance with the standard, radionuclide emissions must be determined and effective dose equivalent values to members of the public must be calculated using EPA-approved methods. Furthermore, 40 CFR 61.94(a) requires that "compliance with this standard shall be determined by calculating the highest effective dose equivalent to any member of the public at any off-site point where there is a residence, school, business or office."

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will calculate the dose from Laboratory operations as described in 40 CFR 61.94(a) and will act to ensure that this dose remains below 10 mrem/yr. Such actions may include informing a sufficiently high level of management of pending dose-related issues. Where it does not impact Laboratory operations, the use of conservatively high assumptions and calculations will be used.

Dose assessments for demonstrating compliance with the 10 mrem/yr standard will be conducted using CAP88 for release data and 40 CFR 61 Appendix E values for ambient radionuclide concentration data, both of which are EPA-approved methods.

When neither of these methods is appropriate (e.g., radionuclides not in CAP88), the Rad-NESHAP team will develop other alternative methods and will request approval from EPA. While awaiting approval, the decision to use the method will be made using best professional judgement.

The EPA has granted approval of certain methods developed by MAQ for calculating dose from radionuclides not in CAP88.

### 5.7 Dose Assessment, continued

# sub-processes

**Description of** The dose assessment work process calculates annual doses in support of Subpart H compliance using the emissions information derived from the previous work processes in this document. This work process is divided into six sub-processes:

- 5.7.1 Unmonitored Point-source Doses
- 5.7.2 Monitored Tritium and Particle/Vapor Point-source Doses
- 5.7.3 Monitored Short-lived Radioactive Gas Point-source Doses
- 5.7.4 Non-point Source Doses
- 5.7.5 Highest Offsite Effective Dose Equivalent
- 5.7.6 Process Verification and Peer Review

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Ensure that qualified personnel are assigned to perform dose assessments.
	Review and approve procedures, as necessary, for calculation of doses in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H and the FFCA.
	Provide upper management with sufficient information to ensure that the highest offsite effective dose equivalent from the air pathway does not exceed 10 mrem/yr.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Calculate doses from LANL emissions and from ambient measurements according to established procedures.
	Request the applicable meteorological data from MAQ meteorology personnel for use in dose assessments.
	Review calculated doses from LANL facilities and from ambient measurements to ensure that the highest offsite effective dose equivalent from the air pathway will not exceed 10 mrem/yr.
	Inform the Team Leader of any situations that may impact compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.

# 5.7 Dose Assessment, continued

Who	What
Meteorology staff	Develop meteorological data suitable for use in dose assessments using CAP88.
	Perform measurements according to MAQ-MET, "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Meteorology Monitoring Project."

#### 5.7.1 Unmonitored Point-source Doses

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team uses emission estimates from unmonitored point sources and an EPA-approved dispersion model to determine an annual dose from unmonitored point sources.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61.94 requires that LANL calculate the "highest effective dose equivalent to any member of the public at any off-site point where there is a residence, school, business or office."

# Dose calculations

Dose contribution from unmonitored point sources will be determined through the following:

- Emissions estimates using Radioactive Materials Usage Survey information (see section 5.2 Point Source Evaluations) and annual meteorology will be used as input to the CAP88 code. This action will determine the dose resulting from unmonitored point sources as reported in the annual compliance report. Procedure MAQ-501 ("Dose Assessment Using CAP88") describes how to convert emissions to dose.
- Calculations of "mrem/Ci" factors for all unmonitored point sources will be completed according to procedures MAQ-501 and MAQ-511.
   These mrem/Ci factors may be used to determine dose from these sources in lieu of completing CAP88 runs for all stacks.

**NOTE:** Ambient air concentrations are measured via the AIRNET system at the location of highest offsite impact and are corrected for background and converted to dose. Although this dose is reported as contribution from non-point sources, it also includes any measured radioactivity that comes from monitored and unmonitored point sources, as stated in the FFCA. Procedure MAQ-502 ("Air Pathway Dose Assessment") describes how to convert ambient air concentrations to dose.

**NOTE:** Doses from non-monitored stack emissions are assessed at the facility receptor, not the Laboratory-wide receptor used for monitored stack dose assessment.

The above methods, when combined, result in a conservative estimate of the dose and ensure that this dose is not underestimated.

## 5.7.1 Unmonitored Point-source Doses, continued

Use of annual average meteorology

The applicability of using annual average meteorology data to determine emissions from non-monitored point sources, as well as predicting future doses from planned operations, was examined in memo MAQ:03-051, "Variability of Annual Meteorological Data Sets." This study showed an acceptable level (less than 12%) of variation between a multi-year average with respect to year-to-year meteorological information.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approves procedures for dose calculations.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Calculate doses according to established procedures.  Inform the Team Leader of any situations that may impact compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.
Meteorology Team Leader	Provide CAP88 input files as identified in MAQ-501.

# 5.7.2 Monitored Tritium and Particle/Vapor Point-source Doses

#### **Purpose**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will use emission measurements from monitored point sources and an EPA-approved dispersion model to determine the annual dose from monitored point sources.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61.94 requires that LANL calculate the "highest effective dose equivalent to any member of the public at any off-site point where there is a residence, school, business or office." In addition, to determine compliance with the standard, radionuclide emissions must be determined and effective dose equivalent values to members of the public must be calculated using EPA-approved methods.

# Dose calculations

Dose contribution from monitored point sources of radioactive particles, vapors and tritium will be determined as follows:

• Measured emissions (See Section 5.3 and 5.4) and annual meteorology will be used as input to the CAP88 code. This action will determine the dose resulting from monitored point sources as reported in the annual compliance report. Procedure MAQ-501 ("Dose Assessment Using CAP88") describes how to convert emissions to dose.

**NOTE:** Ambient air concentrations are measured at the location of the highest offsite effective dose equivalent and are converted to dose. Although this dose is reported as contribution from non-point sources, it also includes any measured radioactivity that results from monitored and unmonitored point sources, as stated in the FFCA. Procedure MAQ-502 ("Air Pathway Dose Assessment") describes how to convert ambient air concentrations to dose.

The above methods, when combined, result in a conservative estimate of the dose and ensure that this dose is not underestimated.

## **5.7.2 Monitored Tritium and Particle/Vapor Point-source Doses**, continued

Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What			
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approves procedures for MEI dose calculations.			
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Calculate doses according to established procedures.  Inform the Team Leader of any situations that may impact compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.			
Meteorology Team Leader	Provide CAP88 input files as identified in MAQ-501.			

## 5.7.3 Monitored Short-lived Radioactive Gas Point-source Doses

#### **Purpose**

The Rad-NESHAP Team uses emission measurements from monitored point sources that emit short-lived radioactive gases and an EPA-approved dispersion model to determine both the monthly and annual doses from these point sources.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61.94 requires that LANL calculate the "highest effective dose equivalent to any member of the public at any off-site point where there is a residence, school, business or office." In addition, to determine compliance with the standard, radionuclide emissions must be determined and effective dose equivalent values to members of the public must be calculated using EPA-approved methods.

### Dose calculations

Dose from short-lived radioactive gases emitted from monitored point sources will be determined :

- Each month during LANSCE operation, measured gaseous emissions (See Section 5.5) and actual meteorology for the month are used as input to the CAP88 code. This action is used to determine the rolling 12-month dose resulting from activated gases from LANSCE monitored point sources. The monthly values for the *calendar* year are summed and reported in the annual compliance report. Procedure MAQ-501 ("Dose Assessment Using CAP88") describes how to convert LANSCE emissions to dose.
- As a measure of insurance, the annual LANSCE source term and subsequent dose will be calculated, using the total calendar year emissions and a yearly meteorological file, and compared to the EPA dose standard. This also serves as a quality control check of the LANSCE monthly sum.
- Dose assessments for non-point (diffuse) releases of radioactive gases from LANSCE buildings are performed using the total calendar year emissions and meteorological data from the timespan over which the diffuse emission occurred. Dose assessments are performed individually for each diffuse source, but results are summed together for recording in the RADAIR database.

### 5.7.3 Monitored Short-lived Radioactive Gas Point-source Doses, continued

### **Special** controls

Because LANSCE is by far the largest contributor to the NESHAP dose while administrative it is operating, additional controls have been put in place to assure the 10mrem/yr standard is not exceeded. These administrative controls meet the requirements of Tier I sources (see Section 5.1). In addition to calculating the LANSCE activated gas dose each month during operation, projections of LANSCE curie emissions and the resulting expected dose are performed according to procedures MAQ-608 ("Monthly Curie Limit Projection for LANSCE") and MAQ-609 ("Monthly Dose Projection for LANSCE"). A third procedure, MAQ-610 ("Radioactive Air Emissions Management Plan for LANSCE") provides the triggers and controls associated with these projections and reports.

> These special administrative controls meet the Tier I source requirements for an emissions management plan.

### Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What			
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approves procedures for dose calculations.			
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Calculate doses according to established procedures.  Calculate emission and dose projections.			
	Inform the Team Leader of any situations that may impact compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.			
Meteorology Team Leader	Provide CAP88 input files as identified in MAQ-501.			

### 5.7.4 Non-point Source Doses

#### **Purpose**

Depending on the type of non-point source, the Rad-NESHAP Team uses emission measurements at LANSCE, emission calculations at TA-18, and measured ambient air concentrations for all other sources. These emissions and ambient concentrations are converted to dose using EPA-approved methods.

### Requirement

40 CFR 61.94 requires that LANL calculate the "highest effective dose equivalent to any member of the public at any off-site point where there is a residence, school, business or office." Furthermore, as stated in the 1994 Memorandum of Understanding between DOE and EPA, "Emissions of radionuclides to the ambient air from DOE facilities include point and diffuse (non-point) source releases. Data on diffuse (non-point) sources and the results of analysis will be reported as part of DOE's Annual Air Emissions Report to EPA."

### Dose calculations

Dose from non-point sources is determined through three primary mechanisms, depending on the type of source. These mechanisms are:

- Measured ambient air concentrations (see Section 5.6) at 17 potential critical receptor locations and an EPA-provided table of concentrations, that are equivalent to 10 mrem/yr, are used to determine doses from non-point particulate and tritium emissions.
   Procedure MAQ-502 ("Air Pathway Dose Assessment") describes how to convert ambient air concentrations to dose.
- Diffuse gaseous emissions from LANSCE are measured in the buildings and then modeled with CAP88 using operating-cycle meteorology. Procedure MAQ-501 ("Dose Assessment Using CAP88") describes how to convert emissions to dose.
- Diffuse gaseous emissions from neutron activation at TA-18 are calculated and modeled with CAP88 using annual meteorology. Procedure MAQ-506 ("Calculation of Air Activation Activity From TA-18") describes this process. Additionally, MAQ-501 ("Dose Assessment Using CAP88") describes how to convert emissions to dose.

### 5.7.4 Non-point Source Doses, continued

Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What			
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Initiate and approve new or revised procedures for dose calculations using CAP88.			
Air Quality Monitoring Team Leader	Initiate and approve new or revised procedures for calculation of dose from ambient monitoring stations.			
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Calculate doses according to established procedures.  Inform the Team Leader of any situations that may impact compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.			
Air Quality Monitoring Team personnel	Calculate doses at each compliance AIRNET station. Report these doses to the Rad-NESHAP Team team.			

### 5.7.5 Highest Offsite Effective Dose Equivalent

### **Purpose**

The ultimate goal of the Rad-NESHAP Team is to ensure that the highest effective dose equivalent (EDE) to any member of the public (as defined in Subpart H) does not exceed 10 mrem/yr.

### Requirement

40 CFR 61.94 requires that LANL calculate the "highest effective dose equivalent to any member of the public at any off-site point where there is a residence, school, business or office." In addition, to determine compliance with the standard, radionuclide emissions must be determined and effective dose equivalent values to members of the public must be calculated using EPAapproved methods.

## dose

Highest offsite All of the doses determined in the previous sub-sections are summed to determine the highest offsite dose for the previous calendar year, in accordance with the requirements stated above.

### Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approves procedures for dose calculations.
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Calculate the highest offsite dose according to established procedures.
	Inform the Team Leader of any situations that may impact compliance with the 10-mrem/yr standard.

### 5.7.6 Process Verification and Peer Review

### **Purpose**

Dose calculation activities and processes will be reviewed and verified by qualified persons to ensure that the Rad-NESHAP requirements are met.

### Verification and peer review methods

Through a process of peer review and verification, LANL helps ensure that dose calculation activities meet Rad-NESHAP requirements. These methods are described below for each process.

Process	Method(s)	
Unmonitored point-	Verify that CAP88 inputs are accurate or at least	
source doses	conservative.	
	Verify the results of selected CAP88 runs.	
Monitored point sources	Verify that CAP88 inputs are accurate or at least conservative.	
	Verify the results of selected CAP88 runs.	
Non-point source doses	Verify AIRNET concentrations used in dose calculations.	
	Verify Table 2 comparisons to AIRNET concentrations.	
	Verify that LANSCE and TA-18 CAP88 inputs are accurate or at least conservative.	
	Verify the results of CAP88 runs.	
Highest offsite EDE determination	Verify that all doses are accurately included in the total site dose.	

### 5.8 Report Preparation

#### Purpose

The Rad-NESHAP Team will prepare and submit an annual report to EPA according to detailed requirements specified in the regulations. Under some circumstances, reports may be prepared more frequently for internal use or in response to a specific EPA requirement.

#### Requirement

An annual report must be prepared and submitted to the EPA by June 30th following the year of interest. Under certain conditions, monthly reports may be required by the EPA.

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP Team team will prepare and submit reports that demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H and the FFCA. These reports will include:

- Annual compliance report
- Monthly dose reports (internal to LANL) during LANSCE operations (when required)

## **Description of sub-processes**

The report preparation work process prepares required EPA and internal reports using emissions and dose information derived from the foregoing work processes in this document. This work process is divided into three subprocesses:

- 5.8.1 Preparing the Annual NESHAP Report
- 5.8.2 Preparing LANSCE Monthly Reports
- 5.8.3 Process Verification and Peer Review

### 5.8 Report Preparation, continued

Implementation The following table lists responsibilities.

Who	What			
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Ensure that qualified personnel are assigned to generate required reports.			
	Review applicable requirements to ensure completeness.			
	Inform the group leader of any difficulties that may result in a delayed or incomplete report.			
Rad-NESHAP	Prepare reports (all or in part) according to MAQ-507.			
Team personnel	Review applicable requirements to ensure completeness of all reports.			
	Provide peer review and technical support during the preparation of reports upon the request of the Team Leader or other team members.			
	Inform the Team Leader of any difficulties that may result in a delayed or incomplete report.			
Group leader	Ensure the Team Leader has access to qualified personnel necessary for the completion of any required reports.			
	Review and approve any reports generated for dissemination to the DOE and/or EPA.			
	Forward approved reports to Division/Laboratory management for eventual signature by DOE.			

### 5.8.1 Preparing the Annual NESHAP Report

#### **Purpose**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will prepare an annual compliance report as specified in 40 CFR 61.94.

#### Requirement

40 CFR 61.94 specifies that an annual report be prepared and submitted to EPA headquarters and the Region VI office by June 30th each year for the previous calendar year.

### Report components

The annual report must contain a number of items specified in 40 CFR 61.94. These items are detailed in MAQ-507 ("Preparation of the Annual NESHAP Report").

### Report preparation

A team member will be assigned report preparation responsibility. The report will be prepared and handled according to MAQ-507 ("Preparation of the Annual NESHAP Report").

### Report dissemination

Upon completion of the report, including review requirements in section 5.8.3, the report will be provided to the Department of Energy LAAO for transmittal to EPA. Upon successful transmittal, the report will be made available to the public, including the following:

- The report will be made available in the public reading room.
- Rad-NESHAP personnel will work with public affairs to craft a press release announcing the completion of the report and LANL's status with respect to the 10 mrem/yr standard.

### Error notification

If mistakes or omissions are discovered in the annual report after the June 30th reporting data, Rad-NESHAP personnel will promptly notify EPA Region VI with the correction(s) to be made. Additionally, a record of any such corrections will be reported in the following year's annual report.

Implementation Implementation responsibilities for all reporting activities are described in section 5.8.

### 5.8.2 Preparing LANSCE Monthly Reports

#### **Purpose**

The Rad-NESHAP Team will prepare a monthly internal report to track LANSCE dose when LANSCE is operating. This report will be used to assure LANL does not exceed the 10-mrem/yr standard during any 12-month period.

#### Requirement

There is no regulatory requirement to prepare this report. Internal procedures specify that the reports will be prepared when LANSCE is operating.

### Report components and preparation

Procedure MAQ-610, "Radioactive Air Emissions Management Plan for LANSCE," specifies that a monthly report of LANSCE dose to the LANL MEI will be prepared. This report is intended to track the rolling 12-month dose from LANSCE to ensure that LANL does not exceed the 10-mrem/yr standard in any 12-month period. There is no specific format or content requirement except that the most recent monthly dose be determined and integrated into the rolling 12-month value from the previous report. When LANSCE is not operating, this report is not required.

Implementation Implementation responsibilities for all reporting activities are described in section 5.8.

### 5.8.3 Process Verification and Peer Review

### Purpose

Reports related to NESHAP doses will be reviewed and verified by qualified persons to ensure that Rad-NESHAP requirements are met.

### Verification and peer review methods

Through a process of peer review and verification, LANL helps ensure that these reporting activities meet Rad-NESHAP requirements. These methods are described below for each report.

Process	Method(s)
Annual NESHAP Reports	Review the report for technical errors and omissions.
	Review the report for editorial errors.
	Verify all regulatory requirements (61.94) have been included.
	Verify signatures are or will be in place.
	Provide draft report to DOE/LAAO for their review and comment.
LANSCE Monthly Reports	Review the report for technical accuracy.
	Review the report for editorial errors.

### Design

### Sample System Design

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP team will design sample systems according to the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Subpart H. Where such designs are not possible, the Rad-NESHAP team will request approval from the EPA for alternative methods.

In the event that such approval is needed, the Rad-NESHAP team will ensure that conservative measures are in place that will prevent the underestimation of offsite impacts. This measure will generally be in the form of ambient sampling that double-counts all emissions.

## Design considerations

MAQ-121 provides the mechanism for ensuring that sample systems are designed and installed correctly. During this process, certain aspects of the design, installation, and operation must be considered. These aspects include:

- Personnel safety Safe access to sample systems by the Rad-NESHAP team must be available.
- Line losses Sample trains should be designed to keep sample transport lines as short as possible. All connectors and other materials should be chosen to minimize particle losses.
- Sample media The sample media must be appropriate for the radionuclide of interest.
- Rake/probe type If possible, a shrouded probe should be considered for the installation; however, if the available (safe) locations do not allow it, multi-point rakes may be used. For new buildings, the building design should be such that a shrouded probe can be used.
- Sample velocity the Rad-NESHAP team will generally operate multipoint sample rakes sub-isokinetically. Therefore, these multi-point rakes should be designed at approximately 90% of isokinetic flow.

Many other considerations will arise based on the situation. The Rad-NESHAP team will use best professional judgment to address these issues as they surface. The use of ANSI N13.1-1999 criteria will be used for all new and modified point sources, as described earlier in this QAPP.

### Sample System Design, continued

#### Peer review

Because the design and installation of sample systems is costly and time-consuming, all system designs will be reviewed by technically qualified personnel and approved by the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader prior to finalization and implementation.

### **Documenta**tion

All sample system designs will have a minimum of the following documentation prior to implementation or acquisition of parts:

- Completed forms from MAQ-121 applicable to design.
- Design drawings -- with preparer, reviewer, and approver signatures.
- List of all parts needed to successfully install system, including suppliers and approximate costs
- List of acceptance criteria for all parts. For some items acceptance criteria may not be applicable. This is acceptable provided that the reason is documented

### Implementation The following table lists responsibilities.

Who	What	
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Ensure that qualified personnel are assigned to design and review new or modified stack sampling systems.	
	Approve new or modified stack sampling systems for use in meeting 40 CFR 61 Subpart H monitoring requirements.	
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Design sample systems in accordance with regulatory requirements and good engineering practices.	
	Provide technical peer review as assigned to ensure stack sampling systems are adequate to meet 40 CFR 61 Subpart H monitoring requirements.	

### **Ventilation System Design**

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP team will support facility efforts to design and redesign ventilation system components that are critical to sampling efforts. MAQ will only assume responsibility for the design specifications related to sampling. MAQ will not assume (or be given) responsibility for the function of the ventilation system beyond sampling considerations.

### Design considerations

The Rad-NESHAP team efforts in ventilation system design will only address those parts of the system that affect sampling. While providing support to facility and/or A/E personnel, the following issues will be considered:

- Physical orientation The physical orientation of the fan, ducting, and stack should optimize the potential for well-mixed, flat particle and flow profiles.
- Personnel safety Safe access to proposed sample areas by the Rad-NESHAP team must be available.
- Ports and flanges If a stack will likely be sampled, it may be beneficial to install sample ports in the stack during design. This will facilitate system installation later.

Many other considerations will arise based on the situation. The Rad-NESHAP team will use best professional judgment to address these issues as they surface.

#### Peer review

Because the design and installation of a ventilation system is costly and time-consuming, all input provided by the Rad-NESHAP team will be reviewed by technically qualified personnel and approved by technically qualified personnel prior to submission.

### **Documenta**tion

All input provided to facility and/or engineering personnel will be in writing. Additional documentation that will be required to be maintained in the Rad-NESHAP team records will be:

- Written documentation of technical peer review, including areas reviewed and outcome.
- Any correspondence between team personnel and the facility and/or engineering personnel.

### Ventilation System Design, continued

Implementation The following table lists responsibilities.

Who	What			
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Ensure that qualified personnel are assigned to review designs for new or modified ventilation systems, as needed to address issues pertaining to stack sampling and other Rad-NESHAP team requirements.			
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Provide technical peer review as assigned to ensure ventilation systems will support the needs of the Rad-NESHAP team.			

### **Procurement**

### **Procurement of Services**

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP team will procure services from qualified persons and/or organizations as needed to accomplish Rad-NESHAP goals.

# Prerequisites to procuring services

Prior to beginning work, the Rad-NESHAP team will provide the service provider with the team goals, requirements, and deliverables (statement of work). Upon receipt, the service provider will respond, in writing, as to their ability to accomplish the items in the Rad-NESHAP team statement of work.

# Procurement of items and services

Procurement of items and services used in the Rad-NESHAP Team will follow the Laboratory procurement process and the requirements in the MAQ-QMP. Most items and services required for the team are commercial grade in nature and no special procurement requirements or needs are necessary. For items and all services for which special requirements are necessary, the Team Leader and Rad-NESHAP Team members will identify such items or services. Such items and services include:

- Stack probes
- Analytical services

### **Inspection and Acceptance Testing**

### **Inspection and Acceptance Testing**

### **Policy**

Materials or services will be inspected and/or tested prior to acceptance for use by the Rad-NESHAP Team. Most supplies used during performance of Rad-NESHAP activities are commercial grade in nature and require no special acceptance practices or procedures.

### **Management Assessment**

### **Project Management Assessments**

## Internal assessments

The Meteorology and Air Quality Group will conduct internal management assessments of all teams and programs in the group in accordance with requirements in the MAQ Quality Management Plan. The Group Leader will perform an assessment of the effectiveness of the Rad-NESHAP Team periodically. Assessments of the team will be documented and filed as records.

## Responding to assessments

When violations of requirements are found during a management assessment, a deficiency report will be initiated to document the violation. Corrective actions will be tracked and documented in accordance with MAQ-026 ("Deficiency Reporting and Correcting").

### **Independent Assessment**

### **Project Assessments**

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP team will undergo a series of audits and assessments that meet the requirements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.7; Section 4.1.7 of the FFCA Compliance Plan; and Section IV.A.4 of the Consent Decree. A single audit or assessment may be used to meet more than one of these requirements.

#### Requirements

40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.7 requires that "Periodic internal and external audits shall be performed to monitor compliance with the quality assurance program. These audits shall be performed in accordance with written procedures and conducted by personnel who do not have responsibility for performing any of the operations being audited."

Section 4.1.7 of the FFCA compliance plan requires that "...The Laboratory Quality Assurance Support Group will conduct annual internal assessments. A highly qualified senior professional who is independent of DOE, LANL, UC and the EPA will conduct an external assessment every 2 years..." Section IV.A.4 of the Consent Decree requires that DOE "...contract for, fund, and facilitate performance of the comprehensive independent technical audits... The technical audits will be conducted by John Till..." This section provides for the following schedule:

- "The first technical audit will commence during calendar year 1997 no later than 90 days after completion of the updated radionuclide inventory ..." This audit was begun in May 1997 and a final report delivered in November 1999.
- "A second audit will commence during calendar year 2000...no later than 90 days after the completion of the updated radionuclide inventory." This audit was begun in April 2000 and a final report delivered in December of 2000.
- "A third technical audit will commence in calendar year 2002 if the auditor determines that a third technical audit should be conducted." This third audit began in the spring of 2002, covering LANL operations in calendar year 2001, and a final report was delivered in October 2002.
- "In the event that the third technical audit identifies substantive deficiencies with compliance with Subpart H that the auditor believes require corrective actions, a fourth technical audit will commence no later than the end of calendar year 2003." This audit was determined unnecessary by the Risk Assessment Corporation in October 2002.

### Project Assessments, continued

### Internal audits

Annual audits/assessments will be conducted by the Laboratory's Quality Management Group or other similarly qualified organization. The MAQ Quality Assurance Officer, with input from the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader, will identify one or more areas of the team to be audited each year.

These audits will meet the requirements for internal audits as specified in 40 CFR 61, Appendix B Method 114, Section 4.7 and will meet the requirements for annual internal assessments specified in Section 4.1.7 of the FFCA compliance plan.

### External audits

At least every two years, an external audit will be conducted on the Rad-NESHAP Team. The time between audits will be measured from the time of completion of the previous audit and the start of the next audit. The next scheduled external audit will commence during 2004. The remaining audits will be conducted as described in the requirements section.

The external audits historically conducted by John Till and Risk Assessment Corporation met the external audit requirements of (a) 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.7, (b) Section 4.1.7 of the FFCA compliance plan, and (c) Section IV.A.4 of the Consent Decree. With the completion of the Consent Decree and its series of audits, future audits will be conducted by qualified assessors to meet requirements in the FFCA; 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114; and ANSI N13.1-1999, as appropriate.

## audits

Responding to Upon completion of each audit, the auditors will generate a report that will identify any findings, areas for improvements, and suggested practices (note that terminology may vary). Upon receipt of this report, the Group Leader, the MAQ QA Officer, and the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader will review any findings and develop an implementation plan to address these findings, as appropriate.

> As issues come to the attention of Rad-NESHAP team personnel during the performance of audits, the Rad-NESHAP team personnel will ensure that any relevant and critical issues are addressed in a timely fashion. Any issues identified that affect overall quality will be addressed according to MAQ-026.

### Project Assessments, continued

Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What			
Rad-NESHAP	Approves audit schedules.			
Team Leader	Provides input to MAQ Quality Assurance Officer as to the content of internal audits.			
	Review audit reports for factual accuracy. Address all findings and implement corrective actions as appropriate.			
Air Quality	Approve audit schedules for the AIRNET system.			
Monitoring Team Leader	Review audit reports related to the AIRNET system for factual accuracy. Address all findings and implement corrective actions as appropriate.			
New Source Review Team Leader	Review audit reports related to New Source Review for factual accuracy. Address all findings and implement corrective actions as appropriate.			
Quality	Identify areas to be addressed during internal audits.			
Assurance Officer	Contract with the Quality Management Group to perform annual internal audits.			
	Review audit procedures to ensure they meet the requirements in this section.			
Rad-NESHAP Team personnel	Cooperate with auditors by providing information, data, etc., that are relevant to the determination of compliance with procedures, etc.			
	Implement corrective actions as directed by Rad-NESHAP Team Leader.			

### **Assessing Suppliers**

#### **Policy**

The Rad-NESHAP Team Leader (in coordination with the group QA officer) will ensure that periodic assessments are conducted to determine whether required information from the following organizations meets quality specifications:

- analytical laboratories supplying data
- other Laboratory organizations supplying information used in compliance or other reports
- organizations supplying services (such as KSL)

If problems are found with a supplier's product, MAQ will work with that supplier until the problem is corrected or will obtain alternate suppliers.

### Analytical laboratories

The Rad-NESHAP Team will perform annual audits, according to procedure, of analytical laboratories that provide analytical data used in compliance calculations. These audits will be conducted by the MAQ Analytical Chemistry Coordinator in conjunction with the MAQ QA officer and any other persons the coordinator deems appropriate.

Because the Analytical Chemistry Coordinator is not responsible for the operations being audited, these audits will meet the requirements for internal audits as stated in 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.7.

Laboratory organizations providing info for compliance determination

Laboratory organizations provide inputs into the compliance determination, primarily through work processes described in section 5.2 Point Source Evaluations. As described in subsection 5.2.6 Process Verification and Peer Review, the information provided by these organizations will be evaluated or assessed to determine their adequacy.

These assessments will be conducted internally by the Rad-NESHAP Team and will be used to identify areas for improvement. These assessments will not be used to meet the requirements for internal audits as stated in 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.7.

### Assessing Suppliers, continued

### **KSL**

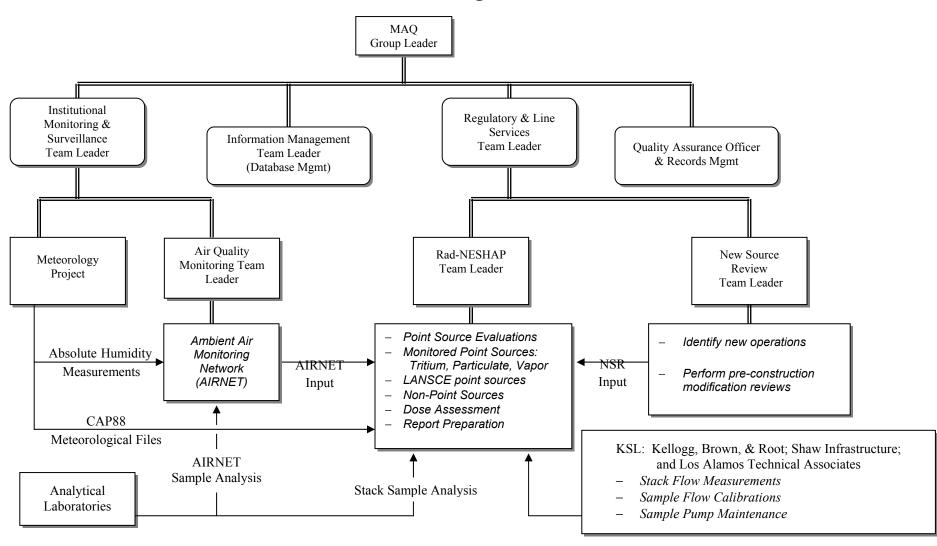
KSL is responsible for performing flow measurements, sample flow calibrations, and pump maintenance. As determined appropriate by the Rad-NESHAP Team Leader and the Quality Assurance Officer, these areas of KSL's work will be audited as part of the internal audits conducted by the Quality Management Group.

When performed, these audits will meet the requirements for internal audits as stated in 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4.7

### Implementation The following table lists specific responsibilities.

Who	What			
Rad-NESHAP Team Leader	Approves audit/assessment schedules.			
	Review audit reports for factual accuracy. Address all findings and implement corrective actions as appropriate.			
Quality Assurance Officer	Identify areas to be addressed during audits of suppliers.			
	Contract with the Quality Management Group or other similarly qualified organization to perform annual internal audits.			
	Review audit procedures to ensure they meet the requirements in this section.			
Analytical	Develop procedures for auditing analytical laboratories.			
Chemistry Coordinator	Assemble audit team and perform analytical lab audits.			
	Notify Rad-NESHAP Team Leader and Quality Assurance Officer of findings by issuing final audit report.			

# Appendix A Rad-NESHAP Team Organization Chart



### Appendix B

## Cross-reference to Quality Assurance Elements of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Section 4

**NOTE**: This cross-reference may not be all-inclusive.

Element	ins cross reference may not be an inclusive.	
number	40 CFR Part 61, Appendix B, Method 114 Element	Applicable Document(s)
4.1	The organizational structure, functional lines of responsibilities, levels of authority and lines of communications for all activities related to the emissions measurement program shall be identified and documented.	MAQ-QMP Section 1
4.2	Administrative controls shall be prescribed to ensure prompt response in the event that emissions levels increase due to unplanned operations.	Section 5.3.6 Section 5.4.6 Section 5.5.6 Section 5.6.6 Procedure MAQ-118 Procedure MAQ-201
4.3	The sample collection and analysis procedure used in measuring the emissions shall be described including where applicable:	Sections 5.3.2-5.3.4 Sections 5.4.2-5.4.4 Sections 5.5.2-5.5.4 Sections 5.6.2-5.6.4 Procedure MAQ-106 Procedure MAQ-119 Procedure MAQ-114 Procedure MAQ-202 Procedure MAQ-204 Procedure MAQ-601 Procedure MAQ-602
4.3.1	Identification of sampling sites and number of sampling points, including the rationale for site selections.	Section 5.3.2 Section 5.4.2 Section 5.5.2 Section 5.6.2 MAQ-AIRNET, Section B1 Procedure MAQ-121 Procedure MAQ-207
4.3.2	A description of sampling probes and representativeness of the samples.	Section 5.3.2 Section 5.4.2 Section 5.5.2 MAQ-AIRNET, Sections A7 and B2

Element		
number	40 CFR Part 61, Appendix B, Method 114 Element	Applicable Document(s)
4.3.3	A description of any continuous monitoring system	Section 5.3.2
	used to measure emissions, including the sensitivity of	Section 5.4.2
	the system, calibration procedures and frequency of	Section 5.5.2
	calibration.	Section 5.6.2
		Procedure HSR4-RIC-DP-46
		Procedure HSR4-RIC-DP-42
		Procedure MAQ-205
4.3.4	A description of the sample collection systems for each	Section 5.3.2
	radionuclide measured, including frequency of	Section 5.4.2
	analysis, calibration procedures and frequency of	Section 5.5.2
	calibration.	Section 5.6.2
		Procedure MAQ-202
		Procedure MAQ-204
		Procedure MAQ-205
		Procedure HSR4-RIC-DP-46
		Procedure HSR4-RIC-DP-42
4.3.5	A description of the laboratory analysis procedures	Section 5.3.3
	used for each radionuclide measured, including	Section 5.4.3
	frequency of analysis, calibration procedures and	Section 5.5.3
	frequency of calibration.	Section 5.6.3
		Procedure HSR4-HPAL-DP-
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		Procedure MAQ-036
		Procedure MAQ-124
		Procedure MAQ-202
		Procedure MAQ-204
4.3.6	A description of the sample flow rate measurement	Section 5.3.2
	systems or procedures, including calibration	Section 5.4.2
	procedures and frequency of calibration.	Section 5.5.2
		Section 5.6.2
		Procedure MAQ-132
		Procedure MAQ-205
		Procedure MAQ-206
4.3.7	A description of the effluent flow rate measurement	Section 5.3.2
	procedures, including frequency of measurements,	Section 5.4.2
	calibration procedures and frequency of calibration.	Section 5.5.2
		Procedure MAQ-127
		Procedure MAQ-128

Element number	40 CFR Part 61, Appendix B, Method 114 Element	Applicable Document(s)
4.4	The objectives of the quality assurance program shall be documented and shall state the required precision, accuracy and completeness of the emission measurement data including a description of the procedures used to assess these parameters. Accuracy is the degree of agreement of a measurement with a true or known value. Precision is a measure of the agreement among individual measurements of the same parameters under similar conditions. Completeness is a measure of the amount of valid data obtained compared to the amount expected under normal conditions.	Section 5.4.1 Section 5.5.1 Section 5.6.1 MAQ-AIRNET, Section A7
4.5	A quality control program shall be established to evaluate and track the quality of the emissions measurement data against preset criteria. The program should include where applicable a system of replicates, spiked samples, split samples, blanks and control charts. The number and frequency of such quality control checks shall be identified.	Section 5.3.3 Section 5.4.3 Section 5.5.3 Section 5.6.3 Procedure MAQ-033
4.6	A sample tracking system shall be established to provide for positive identification of samples and data through all phases of the sample collection, analysis and reporting system. Sample handling and preservation procedures shall be established to maintain the integrity of samples during collection, storage and analysis.	Section 5.3.4 Section 5.4.4 Section 5.5.4 Section 5.6.4 Procedure MAQ-106 Procedure MAQ-109 Procedure MAQ-202 Procedure MAQ-204
4.7	Periodic internal and external audits shall be performed to monitor compliance with the quality assurance program. These audits shall be performed in accordance with written procedures and conducted by personnel who do not have responsibility for performing any of the operations being audited.	Section 9 Section 10 Procedure MAQ-029
4.8	A corrective action program shall be established including criteria for when corrective action is needed, what corrective actions will be taken and who is responsible for taking the corrective action.	Section 3 Procedure MAQ-026
4.9	Periodic reports to responsible management shall be prepared on the performance of the emissions measurement program. These reports should include assessment of the quality of the data, results of audits and description of corrective actions.	Section 3 Section 9 Section 10 Procedure MAQ-507

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4.10	The quality assurance program should be documented in a quality assurance project plan, which should address each of the above requirements.	MAQ-RN, "QA Project Plan for the Rad-NESHAP Compliance Team" (this document)

### Appendix C

### **List of Unmonitored Point Sources**

ESIDNUM	TA-Bldg	Exhaust Stack*	Tier**	Year of Tier Classification
03001600	3-16	99	IV	2001
03003400	3-34	00	IV	2001
03003501	3-35	01	III	2002
03003599	3-35	99	IV	2002
03003999	3-39	99	IV	2001
03004025	3-40	25	IV	2001
03006601	3-66	01	III	2002
03006602	3-66	02	III	2002
03006603	3-66	03	IV	2001
03006604	3-66	04	III	2002
03006605	3-66	05	IV	2001
03006606	3-66	06	IV	2001
03006625	3-66	25	III	2002
03006626	3-66	26	III	2002
03006699	3-66	99 (FE-6)	III	2002
03010225	3-102	25	III	2002
03169800	3-1698	00	IV	2001
16020299	16-202	99	IV	2002
16020599	16-205	99	IV	2001
21000507	21-5	07	IV	2001
21015001	21-150	01	III	2002
21020999	21-209	99	IV	2001
21021399	21-213	99	III	2002
21025704	21-257	04	III	2002
33008606	33-86	06	III	2002
35000200	35-2	00	IV	2002
35021305	35-213	05	IV	2001
36000104	36-1	04	IV	2002
41000104	41-1	04	IV	2002
41000417	41-4	17	III	2002
43000100	43-1	00	III	2002
46020099	46-200	99	IV	2001
48000111	48-RC1	11	IV	2002
48000115	48-RC1	15	IV	2002
48000135	48-RC1	35	IV	2001
48000145	48-RC1	45(45,46)	IV	2002
48000166	48-RC1	66	N/A no ops in '02	2002
48000167	48-RC1	67	III	2002

ESIDNUM	TA-Bldg	Exhaust	Tier**	Year of Tier
		Stack*		Classification
48004500	48-RC45	00	IV	2001
50000299	50-2	99	IV	2001
50006901	50-69	01	III	2002
50006902	50-69	02	III	2002
50018599	50-185	99	IV	2001
53000799	53-7	99	IV	2001
53036599	53-365	99	N/A no ops in '02	2002
53109099	53-1090	99	IV	2001
54003399	54-33	99	III	2002
54003699	54-36	99	IV	2002
54004999	54-49	99	III	2002
54028101	54-281	01	IV	2002
54041201	54-412	01	III	2002
54100199	54-1001	99	IV	2001
54100999	54-1009	99	IV	2001

The following stacks are no longer tracked for emissions, due to removal of radiological operations or other criteria which merit removal from this list according to RRES-MAQ procedures:

03002913, 09002103, 15044699, 16024899, 18016899, 21041899, 46002499, 46003100, 46004106, 46015405, 46015899, 50018599, 53109099, 59000100.

<sup>\*</sup> An exhaust stack number of '99' reflects an exhaust stack for which no identifier has been assigned or for which the identifier is unknown. An exhaust stack number of '00' reflects a compilation of more than one exhaust stack.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Tier classification is based on CY2001 and CY2002 data. Reference RRES-MAQ:02-162 and RRES-MAQ:03-068.

### Appendix D

### **List of Monitored/Sampled Point Sources**

ESIDNUM	TA-Bldg	Exhaust Stack	Sampler type	Status	Tier*	Year of Tier Classification
03002914	TA-03-029	ES-14	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
03002915	TA-03-029	ES-15	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
03002919	TA-03-029	ES-19	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2002
03002920	TA-03-029	ES-20	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	IV	2001
03002923	TA-03-029	ES-23	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	IV	2001
03002924	TA-03-029	ES-24	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	IV	2001
03002928	TA-03-029	ES-28	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
03002929	TA-03-029	ES-29	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
03002932	TA-03-029	ES-32	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
03002933	TA-03-029	ES-33	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
03002944	TA-03-029	ES-44	In-line paper filter, in- line charcoal cartridge	NESHAP	II	2001
03002945	TA-03-029	ES-45	In-line paper filter, in- line charcoal cartridge	NESHAP	II	2001
03002946	TA-03-029	ES-46	In-line paper filter, in- line charcoal cartridge	NESHAP	II	2001
03010222	TA-03-102	ES-22	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
16020504	TA-16-205	ES-04	Tritium bubbler	NESHAP	II	2001
21015505	TA-21-155	ES-05	Tritium bubbler	NESHAP	II	2001
21020901	TA-21-209	ES-01	Tritium bubbler	NESHAP	II	2001
48000107	TA-48-001	ES-07	In-line paper filter, in- line charcoal cartridge	NESHAP	II	2001
48000154	TA-48-001	ES-54	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
48000160	TA-48-001	ES-60	In-line paper filter, in- line charcoal cartridge	NESHAP	III	2001
50000102	TA-50-001	ES-02	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
50003701	TA-50-037	ES-01	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	N/A no ops in '01	2001

ESIDNUM	TA-Bldg	Exhaust Stack	Sampler type	Status	Tier*	Year of Tier Classification
50006903	TA-50-069	ES-03	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2002
53000303	TA-53-003	ES-3	In-line paper filter, in- line charcoal cartridge, real-time gas measurement system	NESHAP	IV	2001
53000702	TA-53-007	ES-2	In-line paper filter, in- line charcoal cartridge, real-time gas measurement system	NESHAP	II	2001
55000415	TA-55-004	ES-15	In-line paper filter	NESHAP	II	2001
55000416	TA-55-004	ES-16	In-line paper filter, Tritium bubbler	NESHAP	II	2001

Note: The following stacks were removed from the monitoring list: 03003501, 33008606, 41000417. Changes due to D&D and/or source term removal.

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$  Tier classification is based on CY2001 and CY2002 data. Reference RRES-MAQ:02-162 and RRES-MAQ:03-068.

### Appendix E

### **Maintenance & Inspection Requirements for Point Source Sampling Systems**

### 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114, Table 2: Maintenance, Calibration, and Field Check Requirements

	Requirement	Frequency	Applicability to LANL Point Sources: (a)
1.	Cleaning of [in-stack] thermal anemometer elements. (b)	As required by application	In-stack thermal anemometers are not in use at LANL sources
2.	Inspect [in-stack] pitot tubes for contaminant deposits. (b)	At least annually	Tier I sources only
3.	Inspect [in-stack] pitot tube systems for leaks. (b)	At least annually	Tier I sources only
4.	Inspect sharp-edged nozzles for damage.	At least annually or after maintenance that could cause damage	Tier I and Tier II sources
5.	Check nozzles for alignment, presence of deposits, other potentially degrading factors.	Annually	Tier 1 and Tier II sources
6.	Check transport lines of HEPA-filtered applications to determine if cleaning is required.	Annually	Tier I and Tier II sources
7.	Clean transport lines (if needed): Visible deposits for HEPA-filtered applications. Surface density of 1 g/m <sup>2</sup> (c)	As described at left	Tier I and Tier II sources
8.	Inspect or test the sample transport system for leaks.	At least annually	Tier I (measure leak rate) and Tier II (inspect for leaks) sources
9.	Check mass flow meters of sampling systems with a secondary or transfer standard.	At least quarterly	Tier I and Tier II sources, at whice mass flow meters are in use
10.	Check sampling flow rate through critical flow venturis. (d)	At the start of each sample period	Critical flow venturis are not in us at LANL sources
	Inspect rotameters of sampling systems for presence of foreign matter.	At the start of each sample period	Tier I and Tier II sources
	Check response of [continuous-reading] stack flow rate systems. (b)	Quarterly	Tier I sources only
	Calibration of flow meters of sampling systems.	At least annually	Tier I and Tier II sources
14.	Calibration of effluent flow measurement devices.	At least annually	Tier I and Tier II sources
15.	Calibration of timing devices.	At least annually	Tier I and Tier II sources at which time interval devices are in use

- "Applicability to LANL Point Sources" is determined by references in ANSI N13.1-1999, Table 5.
- In items 1, 2, 3, and 12, italicized terms in square brackets indicate clarification added by LANL, based on text references in ANSI N13.1-1999 Table 5. [example of clarification text]
- In item 7, the surface density threshold is quoted as 1 gram per square meter in section 6.4.6; this threshold is quoted as 1 gram per cubic centimeter in Table 5 of the ANSI and in Table 2 of Appendix B, Method 114. LANL assumes that the 1 gram per square meter is the correct value, and that the other value is a typographical error, since surface density refers to an area, not a volume.
- Item 10 is not included in Table 2 of 40 CFR 61, Appendix B, Method 114; however, it is in Table 5 of ANSI N13.1-1999. It is included here for completeness.

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